

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th December 2001, commencing 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders

In attendance: Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds, Mr I Sharpe, Mrs L Spicer (all business)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 13th November meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

'Welcome Guides' Mrs Saunders agreed to take over responsibility for the guides when the Atkinsons leave Burton. The Chairman and members thanked her for this.

4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The County Public Transport Coordinator, Mr Holden, advises that the future shape of the No. 8 bus service is still not decided. Various ways of serving the intermediate villages are still being considered and there will be further consultation. The maps referred to previously are not intended to show firm plans.

Mr Wood of Paul James Coaches advises that they are not offering multi-trip tickets as the County Council set the fare structure and this concession is not stipulated. Mr Forbes of the County Council advises that such tickets (10 for the price of 9) are being considered for all routes but nothing will happen before April next. The No. 8 service will not be treated in isolation.

The County Council have not yet responded regarding siting of a bus shelter. Councillor Kershaw offered to follow up with the officers.

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5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Mr Leatherby now advises that plans to locate bollards at the Fountain House corner in Burton have been delayed somewhat by problems in shifting the electricity pole and other structural and safety issues. He hopes to resolve these shortly and to attend our January meeting with proposals.

Members were shown a copy letter and enclosures from Mr D A Hemsley of 52 Springfield Close, Burton to the Director of Planning & Transportation at County Hall regarding a noise level survey carried out for him by a noise consultant. This concludes that noise levels are higher than World Health Organisation guidelines and Mr Hemsley again requests that the 30 mph limit signs are moved further westwards along Loughborough Road. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Director fully endorsing Mr Hemsley's conclusions and recommendations.

British Gypsum have asked for a meeting of local Councils later this week to consider proposals for traffic signs and speed limit enforcement on Paudy Lane. In view of the short notice and lack of direct relevance to our Parishes, it was decided not to attend.

6 PLANNING

P/01/2852 & 2857 - proposed erection of replacement industrial units at Wymeswold Industrial Park (Green Meadow Ltd). These consultations had a closing date of 6th December and since they were for replacement units in the existing industrial zone on similar lines to those previously approved, no objection was raised.

P/01/2910 - formation of agricultural access road at Wymeswold Airfield. It was decided not to oppose this Application, an Agricultural Development Determination, for a crushed stone roadway from an existing field access to a point close to Hangar 4.

P/01/2904 formation of sound and screening earth bund on land off Prestwold Lane, Hoton including part Wymeswold Airfield (Trustees of the Prestwold 1966 Settlement). This project lies fully within Hoton parish and a copy was kindly sent to us by Hoton Parish Council. The purpose is stated as to act as a visual screen and for noise attenuation in the Hoton Village area. It appears that vast quantities of material will be required for the project as proposed. It was agreed that no comment would be made regarding this specific proposal but that the situation be monitored in view of the potential benefits of such a scheme on land facing Burton.

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P/01/2940 - felling, pollarding and lopping of trees on land adjacent to 9 St Philips Road, Burton (Tree Preservation Order) - Charnwood Borough Council. The Borough Council have commissioned a detailed Tree Survey of this site and now propose to implement its recommendations. Our Tree Warden, Mr Paul Sutton is happy with these proposals except for ring barking of ivy. It was agreed to welcome the Application, but to ask that Mr Sutton's views be taken into account.

P/01/3058 - single storey extension to rear of 4 Back Lane, Cotes - Mr & Mrs Wallis. There was no objection to this at the meeting but the Clerk will check with Mrs Spicer before responding.

7 VILLAGE HALL

The picture of the 15th Duke of Somerset is now on display. Mr Minkley had prepared some amendments to the narrative concerning the origin of the Hall and the Clerk will finalise these with Mrs Shaw prior to framing.

A cheque for £50.00 had been received by the Clerk from Loughborough University Ergonomics Centre who had used facilities provided by Mr & Mrs Packe-Drury-Lowe of Prestwold Hall. They had requested that a donation be sent to benefit the Village Hall and the cheque has been passed over to the Management Committee.

Mrs Pickford advised that the second computer course, this time in the evening, has been oversubscribed with 17/18 applicants. There will be a further course in the Spring. The Committee are considering installation of gas central heating. The Christmas Fair was a well attended success although final details are not yet to hand.

8 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The request for a road sign at the Burial Ground has been acknowledged only at this stage. Councillor Kershaw volunteered to follow this up.

The pre-advised letter from the County regarding trees from the Burial Ground obscuring street lights was duly received and the necessary work was carried out by G & J Lambert without delay.

9 PLAYING FIELD

A quotation from G & J Lambert for maintenance in 2002 has been received. Very small increases are requested with the exception of the play area at Towles Field where an increase of £1.50 per strim is indicated because of extra work following the new roundabout installation. The first time quote of £50.00 for the Millennium Garden in accordance with Goscote Nurseries' recommendations was felt to be very keen and this work will be monitored. The quotation in total was accepted.

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Mrs Saunders advised, in the context of recent vandalism in the village and around Towles Field, that a young person had been apprehended at the school and handed over to the Police.

10 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

The ornamental railings have been paid for and delivered to Mr Bill Pickford. Of the original £12,500 budget, £2438.83 is still unspent and the full £7500 in grants has been received from LEAF and from Charnwood Borough. Mrs Pickford advised that the railings are all individually made and her husband needs to be personally involved to ensure that they are properly installed. More than adequate funds are available to hire labour for this work.

There is still no word of the 'Charnwood Views' seat and the Clerk will again contact Mr Richard King.

The wording of a commemorative plaque will be considered at the next meeting, as will arrangements for an opening ceremony.

10A THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Chairman reported that he had chaired two meetings of local organisations at which considerable enthusiasm had been evident and it had been agreed to hold a celebratory event on Saturday 22nd June 2002, comprising a children's party in the afternoon followed by a hog roast with live music in the evening. The PFA will coordinate the event at Towles Field, in place of their usual Summer Fete, and Mrs Sally Davies had volunteered to be Organiser. Grants would be sought from 'Awards for All' and possibly from other sources. A marquee would be required, which would be an expensive item, and other items would have to be booked very quickly since time is already short.

It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that up to £3000.00 be made available to support this event, subject to every effort being made to obtain funds from other sources to minimise this funding. All residents of Burton, Cotes and Prestwold must be invited. The Parish Council will provide an 'umbrella' for the event - income and expenditure will be accounted for through the Parish Council's books and Mr Topham will continue to chair the meetings.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The footpath maintenance invoice from Lambert's has been settled at £112.25 and this amount has been reinviced to the County Council.

The final draft for the Guide has now been finalised and submitted to the County Council.

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12 ENVIRONMENT

East Midlands Airport. Mr Robinson advises that a reply to our October letter was sent to the wrong address. It now transpires that the change to southbound routing which we understood would take place on 1st October will now only occur from 27th December. Various radar plots have been received in response to specific complaints and some of these are blatantly incorrect, with aircraft being charted a mile to the west of their observed overflight of Burton. At the November meeting of the AARPC, other Councils had reported similar problems. The AARPC have circulated a proposed Noise Penalty Scheme initiated by the Airport Authority and we have suggested improvements to tie them down more specifically.

Public Seat, Melton Road, Burton. The Clerk has quotations from Leicester Playscape, who installed the George Harvey seat at the Playing Field and from various other suppliers. It was agreed that Mr Minkley and the Clerk would make a selection of the most appropriate seat up to a value of £300.00.

Guard Rails at Melton Road, Burton. The County have carried out the requested repairs.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. The Health and Safety Executive have acknowledged our complaint, will make enquiries and revert.

Village Appraisal/Design Statement. In Mrs Edmonds' absence there was again no progress. The Clerk will contact Mrs Edmonds and endeavour to set up the initial meeting.

Grassed Area on Seymour Road, Burton. Councillor Kershaw promised to follow up this problem, details of which have been supplied to him.

Road Signs. The Stanford Lane sign at the junction with Nottingham Road, Cotes, has been replaced. Various signs are being replaced in Burton this week and it is hoped that this will include the sign at Somerset Close which was vandalised and reported at the end of November.

Trailer Parking in Back Lane, Cotes. There has again been no response from the Traffic Commissioner to the follow up sent in November.

Tree Preservation Order, Brook Street/ Melton Road, Burton. A TPO was issued earlier today covering a number of Scots Pines and other trees in the gardens of 7 Brook Street and Mulberry House, Burton. This came about as a result of Mr Minkley hearing that four trees at 7 Brook Street were about to be cut down. Following involvement of Mr & Mrs Edmonds, Mrs Lawson of 5 Brook Street, the Tree Warden Mr Sutton and the Clerk last weekend, Mr Buckingham of the County Council was contacted yesterday

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morning and he acted very quickly to verify that these trees fulfil the requirements for a TPO, which was promptly issued.

It was agreed that we were fortunate to hear about this before the trees were lost and a letter will be sent to the Director of Planning & Technical Services at Charnwood praising Mr Buckingham's excellent work but requesting that steps be taken to identify all trees deserving TPO's without waiting for them to be in danger.

Abandoned car in Prestwold Lane. A burnt out car has been dumped on the verge and this will be reported.

13 FINANCE

The 2000/01 books were returned by the new auditors this morning, three weeks behind schedule. They have found it difficult to cope with the volume of work from around the County, far more than they had been led to expect.

The Clerk had arranged to meet with Mr Trevor Todd to discuss internal audit once the books are back and will now set this up.

The George Harvey Clock and Weather Vane are due to be dispatched today, to Allsorts, the contractor. They estimate two days work, including erecting scaffolding etc., but need to see the size and weight before firming up a quote. It was agreed to place the work with Allsorts so long as their quotation is reasonable.

There is still no response from Cornhill re Risk Assessment and they will be reminded.

The Precept will need to be fixed at the next meeting. The Clerk will prepare a budget, taking into account the proposed Jubilee expenditure.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques, drawn since the last meeting, were authorised:

Roberts & Lyons	railings	3493.28
G & J Lambert	footpaths	112.25

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	267.27
G & J Lambert	maintenance	163.50
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15 MISCELLANEOUS

A Quality Parish and Town Councils Discussion Paper from DEFRA is being circulated to Members and will be discussed at the next Meeting. A letter commending it has been received from Andy Reed MP.

Mr Reed has also written about **Countryside Agency Grants** and intends to hold a meeting in the New Year. It was agreed to indicate our willingness to participate.

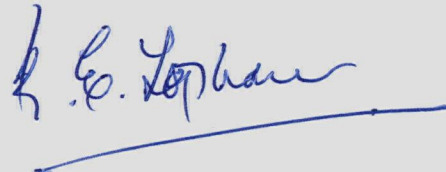
The 2002 Electoral Registers have been received, showing 770 electors in Burton (down 16), 28 in Cotes (unchanged) and 51 in Prestwold (down 1).

A letter on behalf of the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood indicating their availability to meet residents was noted.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Traffic news, the woodland maintenance at St Philips Road, Jubilee plans, Airport latest, news of the Clock and Weathervane and of the Village Walks Guide.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. E. Lopham", with a horizontal line underneath.

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Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds - items 4 to 11
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - items 1 to 7
2 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs R Saunders (holiday)
Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) also sent an apology.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 9th October meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There was no news regarding someone to take over the 'Welcome Guides'.

4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The County Council have not sent the maps requested as part of the Best Value Review and they will be reminded.

The Joint Councils decided at their meeting on 10th October to invite Caroline McKay, Rural Communities Transport Officer, to their next meeting in March. Although far off, it was felt that any other action on Community Transport would be best left until the future of the No. 8 route is secured.

The Bus Shelter sub Committee had met and decided that a brick design was most suited to Burton village centre. A number of suppliers had been contacted but none offered a brick design. It was suggested that residents could be invited to submit designs/suggestions through a competition. (At the end of the meeting, a further discussion took place involving Electors regarding siting and it was decided to consult the County Council about acceptability of a shelter located at the corner of Seymour Road/Melton Road

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or, alternatively, a shelter at the junction of Springfield Close/Loughborough Road, which would involve a new westbound bus stop.)

General satisfaction was expressed regarding Paul James' performance since taking over the No. 8 route. They will be asked to consider reinstating the previous ten ticket concession.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A fax received earlier today from Mr Leatherby of the County Council in response to the various suggestions made following the Public Meeting in August was shown to members. The most positive feature is relocation of the electricity pole outside Fountain House and erection of substantial bollards on that corner where goods vehicles mount the footway. These measures are being investigated and further news will follow in due course.

Most other suggestions are considered to be impracticable for various reasons. Burton is not on the list of proposed sites for a Safety Camera Scheme currently being developed. A reply will be sent welcoming the proposals for the Fountain House corner and awaiting further consultation but also making the case for Burton's inclusion in the Camera Scheme.

Following the protest against the offhand rejection of our proposed re-routeing scheme to take HGV's out of Burton, a more considered reply has come from the County Council agreeing to investigate the proposal as a lorry route improvement request. Surveys will be undertaken to establish HGV flows through Burton and the proportion originating from the British Gypsum site via Six Hills. Should this demonstrate that a problem exists, they say, then our proposal will be fully assessed under a priority ranking system currently under development.

Nothing more had been heard from Mr Hemsley regarding his traffic survey.

6 PLANNING

P/01/2416 & 7 - erection of Glasshouse and three replacement Polytunnels for J & T Oakland at 147 Melton Road, Burton. These consultations had arrived with a deadline of 8th November and, since similar applications had not been opposed in the past, no objection was raised.

Modifications to the County Waste Local Plan, received from the County Council, were felt to have no local significance.

Similarly, **Suggested Further Changes to the Charnwood Local Plan** appear to be part of the ongoing process previously noted and no comment was felt to be necessary.

7 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Edmonds advised that the fairy lights on the Village Hall had been vandalised. This was part of a seeming rise in vandalism in Burton, referred to in the recent Neighbourhood Watch Report, and she was in discussions with the Police which had delayed her arrival at this meeting and would necessitate an early departure.

The picture of the Duke of Somerset has now been framed and was shown to Members. It was agreed to hang it alongside the other two in the Committee Room and the Clerk will arrange this. Mrs Joan Shaw had produced two summaries of the origin of the Village Hall, a short one and a more detailed version. It was agreed that the detailed one would be framed alongside the portraits, after one or two small amendments which Mr Minkley and Mrs Edmonds would discuss with Mrs Shaw.

The 'military' photograph of the Duke which Mrs Shaw had obtained from the National Portrait Gallery was shown to Members and passed over to the Management Committee for their use.

Mrs Pickford reported that the computer pod had now been set up in the former cloakroom. A BT line has been installed and the computer is now awaited. The first series of computer courses is nearing its end, to be followed by evening courses.

8 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Mr Minkley pointed out that there are no road signs indicating the whereabouts of Burton Burial Ground. Signs have recently appeared for the Natural Burial Ground at Prestwold. It was agreed to ask the County to provide a sign on Melton Road, opposite the Burial Ground.

9 PLAYING FIELD

Mr Minkley advised that small children had been seen playing dangerously on top of the adventure equipment at Towles Field. The Clerk will advise the PFA.

10 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

Mrs Pickford advised that planting by Goscote Nurseries was now complete. The ornamental railings have been ordered from Roberts & Lyons and should be delivered in a week or so. A gateway has also been ordered.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Pickford and to Mrs Edmonds for their efforts. A letter will be sent to Mrs Linda Sutton thanking her for her major role in establishing the garden.

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Goscote Nurseries have supplied written advice for ongoing maintenance. It was agreed to ask G & J Lambert to quote for maintenance on this basis, at the same time as they quote for the Council's other maintenance requirements for 2002.

There is still no news of the 'Charnwood Views' seat. The balance of grant outstanding from the Borough Council, £1700.00 has been applied for and received and £1220.00 balance from LEAF has also been applied for.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr Peter Shaw has now returned the draft narrative for the Guide with a few suggestions for embellishment. The final draft will now be prepared.

12 ENVIRONMENT

East Midlands Airport. The Airport have failed to reply to any of our most recent letters (July/September/October). Despite the changed routing from 1st October there appears to be little improvement in the noisy overflying departures. Mrs Frances Walker of Springfield Close, Burton has sent a copy of her letter to the Airport detailing noisy departures all through several nights. A letter was sent to Andy Reed MP detailing the problems, in the context of a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights in respect of night flights at London Heathrow. The response, whilst sympathetic, is not encouraging. The Clerk was instructed to press the issue further with him. These issues will be raised at an AARPC meeting later this week.

Public Seat, Melton Road, Burton. P.H. Fencing have supplied a sketch for a proposed replacement seat. Andrew Keogh has not quoted. It was noted that a seat had recently been installed at the Playing Field (in memory of George Harvey) and it was decided to obtain details of this from the PFA before proceeding further.

Play Area on 'Saints' Estate. The Clerk made direct contact with the Treasury Solicitor, who has replied asking for more details. Dialogue has been reopened between the Solicitor and Mr Henshall, Acting Chief Executive of the Borough Council and we shall continue to monitor the progress made.

Flooding Risk, Brook Street, Burton. A useful meeting between Mr Norman Perkins of the Borough Council, the Chairman and Clerk and local residents took place on site on 22nd October. Four residents volunteered to act as 'flood wardens' and the Borough will carry out improvement works in the new year, for which they have funds available.

Charnwood Wildlife have confirmed that the brook area is of little ecological interest and they have no objection to the previous management regime, by the Borough, being resumed.

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Trailer Parking in Back Lane, Cotes. Mrs Spicer advised that the problem remains and the Traffic Commissioner will be reminded.

Drains at Cotes. Mr David Martin of the County Council came out to see (and smell) the problem and he suspects that the drainage system is being abused by foul sewage. The Clerk of the Works is taking the matter over for further investigation and appropriate action.

Guard Rails at Melton Road, Burton. The County Highways have confirmed that they will refix the damaged section.

Footway alongside B676, Cotes Bridge to Prestwold Junction. The Chairman and Clerk met with Mr David Johnson of the County Highways on site on 18th October. He will arrange immediate grass cutting, followed in the New Year by clearing the path back to its full original width. He will then assess its condition and whether the width is sufficient.

Visual Obstruction at Cotes Bridge. Mr David Martin of the County Highways arranged to have this bush cut back. It was felt that this had not completely solved the problem and Mr Martin will be advised accordingly.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. The Recorded Delivery letter to the Company Secretary of Severn Trent Water was sent on 10th October. Astonishingly, no reply has been received. It was agreed to take the matter up with the Health and Safety Executive in Northampton.

Village Appraisal/Design Statement. In Mrs Edmonds' absence, there was no report.

Grassed Area on Seymour Road, Burton. The Assistant Highway Engineer advises that it is not their practise to hard surface small areas like this. It was decided to ask Cllr. Kershaw for assistance.

Road Signs. The Borough Council have agreed to provide new signs for Sowters Lane incorporating a reference to Seals Close. These should be installed in the New Year when further new signs will be installed in Burton.

13 FINANCE

The books have been lodged with the new auditors and are due back next Monday. Mr Sharpe has spoken to Mr Trevor Todd of St Andrews Close, Burton, who may be willing to act as Internal Auditor, and the Clerk will contact him when the books are returned.

The Clerk has met at the Village Hall with the owner of Allsorts, who have worked previously for the Management Committee and they foresee no problems installing the Clock and Weathervane. They will provide an estimate. The suppliers, Good Intentions, anticipate despatch about 10th

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December and require payment of their invoice for £2845.53 before then. It seems that there will be a substantial amount of the George Harvey bequest still remaining after installation.

Cornhill Insurance have not responded as yet regarding Risk Assessment.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques, drawn since the last meeting, were authorised:

Nat.Portrait Gallery	photograph	26.85
Frame It	photo framing	28.00

The following cheques were authorised and signed, being proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	302.75
Goscote Nurseries	Garden - planting	1435.24
Good Directions	Clock/weathervane	2845.53
Viking Direct	Copier Toner etc	181.37

15 MISCELLANEOUS

The Golden Jubilee 2002. It was felt that the Parish Council could best contribute by funding worthwhile local celebrations. To that end the Chairman will call a meeting of the principal local organisations to see what their plans are. From the floor, it was advised that the Playgroup will be holding a Barn Dance and have applied for funding to Awards for All.

A Consultation Paper on **Quality Parish and Town Councils** will be circulated, for discussion in December or January. Members were each handed a copy of a quick guide to **New Rules of Conduct for Members** from the newly formed Standards Board for England. It was agreed to advise Charnwood Borough of our support for their proposed handling of this as detailed in the Acting Chief Executive's letter of 5th November.

Charnwood Council for Voluntary Service's request for local contacts will be passed over to the Village Hall Committee. Correspondence from **Action for a Better Charnwood** (requesting venues) **CPRE** (Notice of Incorporation), **Waste Recycling Community Funding Grants** and the County Council **Emergency Planning Volunteers Evening** was noted.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Traffic news, the Duke's picture, Garden update, Airport, flooding meeting, 'Saints' Play Area, Lagoon, vandalism and the Jubilee.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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Mrs D Edmonds - from Item 4
Mr D Minkley
Mrs M Pickford
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
4 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr R Moyle (business)
Mrs R Saunders (holiday)
Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) also sent an apology.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 18th September meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There was no news regarding an individual to take over the 'Welcome Guides' (item 3).

4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Paul James Coaches took over the No. 8 route from 1st October with minor changes to the morning timetable. From the floor, Mr Hindley advised that, although basic fares were unaltered, the new operators were not matching Kinchbus concessionary fares. There was no further news from the County Council regarding longer term arrangements.

It was agreed to respond to the Best Value Review consultation by supporting the recommendations for improved service in Section 4, particularly Item 12. The need for better consultation on specific routes would be urged. It was noted that the illustrative maps were not part of the document and copies would be requested.

Community Transport is to be discussed at the Joint Councils meeting in Wymeswold tomorrow.

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The County Council have agreed to extend the deadline for our application for a bus shelter grant. Two catalogues are now available and it was agreed that a sub committee of the Chairman, Mrs Pickford, Mr Minkley and the Clerk would meet shortly to assess the options.

5 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

There has been no further written news from the County regarding alternatives to the zebra crossing proposal but it is understood that relocation of the power supply pole outside Fountain House and erection of a barrier at that point are being investigated.

A letter from Mr Bernard Evans, Senior Engineer for Transport Programmes and Improvements advises that the County are not able to proceed with the Wymeswold Lane/Melton Road roundabout scheme at the present time for financial reasons, the cost being in excess of £100,000 excluding land/legal costs.

Mr John Glover, Senior Engineer in Planning & Transportation has written turning down the proposal to re-route heavy goods vehicles via Pawdy Lane and Fishpool Way instead of through Burton. Members felt that the reasons given were superficial and inadequate and it was agreed to contest this decision, expanding the logic behind the proposal and demanding proper consideration.

Mr D Hemsley of 52 Springfield Close, Burton has independently commissioned a survey of noise levels on Loughborough Road close to his house and he advises that they are far in excess of what is deemed acceptable by the World Health Organisation and other bodies. He is preparing a report which he will submit to the County Council, with copies to Andy Reed MP, Councillor Kershaw and ourselves. This is in furtherance of his campaign, over several years now, to have the 30 mph signs on Loughborough Road moved further to the west.

6 PLANNING

P/01/2339 - external alterations to ex Church building to facilitate extension to 42 Melton Road, Burton (Mr D Minkley).
Mr Minkley declared an interest and withdrew during discussion of this item.
There was no objection.

Airfield Activities. The Clerk had circulated a comparison between the Conditions of P/01/0853, recently granted, and the previous permission P/97/00687 in force since September 1997. The major differences are that operations are now permitted every day except Sundays and Bank Holidays, there are now no restrictions on number of vehicles operated, but there are more stringent controls on vehicle noise with, for the first time, a verification system. It was agreed to request copies of the two monthly test results.

1996 - 2016 County Structure Plan. There will be a six week consultation period next Spring on the Report of the Panel charged with a proposed strategic framework for use and development of land.

Village Hall Information Point. Mrs Edmonds advised that the Management Committee would now proceed with this concept without Parish Council involvement.

7 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Brian Rowell has spent a great deal of time in enlarging and touching up the rather poor snapshot of Algernon, 15th Duke of Somerset which had been received from the present Duke's agent. This was shown to members and it was agreed to have it framed for display alongside his two brothers. Mrs Joan Shaw had obtained photocopies of three photographs of the Duke by Bassano from the National Portrait Gallery. It was agreed to purchase a print of one of these for use by the Village Hall Committee.

Details of County Council Learning and Skills Awards were passed over to the Management Committee.

8 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

It is understood that the County are writing to request that branches obscuring a street light outside the Burial Ground be cut back. It was agreed to ask G & J Lambert to carry out this work, after receipt of the letter, at the same time as the annual clearance of this wooded area which has not yet taken place.

9 PLAYING FIELD

The balance of funding provided for the roundabout was incorrectly stated last month. It should have been £1033.96, not £1533.96, grants totalling £4238.00 having been received from other sources.

10 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

The invoice for sixteen 'hares' to be fixed to the railings amounts to £384.00 before VAT. Mrs Pickford advised that Goscote Nurseries have quoted for supply of plants and planting (including those already acquired and stored by Mrs Linda Sutton) at a cost of £1372.74 pre-VAT. This leaves a balance of around £4000 for the railings and the best quotation so far is around £3000. It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

Councillor Shields advised that he had spoken to the Borough Arts Officer who confirms that a seat will be supplied under the 'Charnwood Views' scheme although he cannot yet say when.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr Peter Shaw is checking the historical data in the draft Guide. He has also volunteered to walk the paths using the draft to check its accuracy.

G & J Lambert have submitted their invoice for footpath maintenance but several items need clarification before payment and submission to the County for reimbursement. The Clerk was authorised to settle the invoice when these queries have been satisfactorily resolved.

12 ENVIRONMENT

East Midlands Airport. There have been few occasions since 1st October when runway 09 has been in use so it is not possible to say yet whether the overflying situation has improved. The Airport has still not responded to recent letters.

Public Seat, Melton Road, Burton. Andrew Keogh, of Walton, has been asked to quote. Today P H Fencing submitted a quotation and the Clerk met with Mr Paul Hubbard before this meeting. It was agreed to accept the quotation for a replacement bench at £295.00, subject to seeing a satisfactory drawing and to Keogh's quotation being no lower.

Play Area on 'Saints' Estate. The Borough had agreed to maintain this piece of land back in 1998 and a Minute of the Public Services Committee recorded that it would be acquired, by compulsory purchase if necessary. Mr Sharpe had passed over recent correspondence in which the Head of Administration and Leisure Services advises residents that they will not carry out any further maintenance since the Borough has failed to complete the purchase of the land, seemingly due to lack of cooperation by the Treasury Solicitor. This is not satisfactory and the Clerk will endeavour to persuade the Borough Council to take a more positive role.

Flooding Risk, Brook Street, Burton. The Borough Head of Engineering Services advises that finance has been allocated for an alarm system, with telemetry, and suggests a meeting, with the Parish Council coordinating, to identify 'flood wardens'. This was agreed.

From the floor, Mr Brian Searson advised that the area between the stream and the footpath had been cleared only once this year, allegedly because of conditions imposed by Charnwood Wildlife. As a result, masses of vegetation can be swept down when the water level rises, causing blockage of the grille. Mr Hankin, Head of Conservation will be asked to intervene.

Trailer parking in Back Lane, Cotes. This trailer has reappeared and the Clerk has noted 'plate' details and passed these to the Traffic Commissioner for action.

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Drains at Cotes. Mrs Spicer advised that the foul smell at the Stanford Lane/A60/Back Lane junction still persisted. This has already been reported and the Clerk will press for urgent attention.

Guard Rails on Melton Road, Burton. These rails have recently been repainted, unprompted, seemingly by the County Council. Fallen and displaced rails have not been repaired and the County will be asked to attend.

Footway alongside B676, Cotes Bridge to Prestwold Junction. Despite promises made a year ago, this footway has not been cleared by the County Council and a meeting has now been arranged for 18th October to inspect it and agree action.

Visual Obstruction at Cotes Bridge. The Clerk had failed to identify the problem, and, after it was made clear, will report it to the County.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Mr Beaumont of Severn Trent says that their Estates Officer looked at the site some time ago and was to revert. He has not done so. Mr Beaumont had been asked to contact him and advise the Clerk before today. He has not done so, either. It was agreed to send a Recorded Delivery letter to the Company Secretary reiterating the problem and holding them fully responsible for any consequences of the failure to secure the lagoon.

Village Appraisal/Design Statement. Mrs Edmonds has not so far been able to arrange for the RCC coordinator to visit.

Grassed area on Seymour Road, Burton. Mrs Pickford advises that this area is again churned up. The Clerk will check with the County.

13 FINANCE

The half yearly Comparison to Budget (a copy of which is attached to the original of these Minutes) was distributed, broadly in line with expectations.

The Order for clock and weather vane has been confirmed but delivery delayed pending agreement of installation arrangements. Mrs Edmonds will supply the name of the VPMC preferred contractor for works which they are putting in hand shortly. They are seeking grants towards their work which will cause some delay.

The Clerk met with the new Auditors, Moore Stephens, and a representative of the Audit Commission to discuss the 'pathfinder' audit for this year. The new requirements seem straightforward enough but it is not acceptable for a Parish Councillor to act as Internal Auditor. Mr Sharpe may be able to find a suitable local candidate and will liaise with the Clerk.

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A letter from Zurich Municipal invites attendance at a Risk Assessment Seminar. This subject came up at the 'pathfinder' meeting and, in view of its growing importance, it was decided to ask our current Insurers, Cornhill, for advice.

14 **CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/exp.	288.56
Leicester Laser	M/garden 'hares'	451.20
B Rowell	Photo. materials	17.63

15 **MISCELLANEOUS**

The **Joint Councils Meeting** will be attended by the Chairman and Clerk in Wymeswold tomorrow and the Airport, Community Transport and audit will be amongst the items discussed. A letter from the **Borough Chief Executive, Mr Stephen Peatfield**, announcing his retirement, was read. A letter from the Lord Lieutenant encouraging **commemoration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee** next year was read. Members will consider this before the next Meeting. Correspondence regarding Borough Christmas events, Local Democracy Week and a Peace Rally for One World Week were noted.

16 **PRESS RELEASE**

For the 'Link', this will cover two meetings. Bus Service, Traffic, the Airfield Planning Application, East Midlands Airport, the new children's roundabout, Millennium Garden, Brook Street flooding meeting and the Balancing Lagoon will be featured.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET,

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance o/s</u>
	-	-	
RECEIPTS TO 30.9.01			
Rate precept	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
Allotment rents	260.00	260.00	-
Footpaths	200.00	-	200.00
Burial Ground	200.00	123.00	77.00
Bank Interest	450.00	310.49	139.51
Miscellaneous	10.00	15.50	(5.50)
TOTAL INCOME	<u>9,120.00</u>	<u>8,708.99</u>	<u>411.01</u>
PAYMENTS TO 30.9.01			
Clerk's salary	2,336.00	1,186.64	1,149.36
Clerk's travel	115.00	97.98	17.02
Office accommodation	330.00	150.00	180.00
Insurance premium	670.00	734.04	(64.04)
Telephone rental	172.00	90.98	81.02
Telephone calls	50.00	25.42	24.58
Postage	50.00	24.04	25.96
Stationery, etc.	350.00	173.37	176.63
Subscriptions	300.00	209.20	90.80
Audit fee	258.00	-	258.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	20.85	29.15
SUB TOTAL ADMIN	<u>4,681.00</u>	<u>2,712.52</u>	<u>1,968.48</u>
Playing Field	2,400.00	1,189.35	1,210.65
Village Hall	1,330.00	906.07	423.93
Open Spaces	915.00	440.23	474.77
Millennium	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	60.00	50.00	10.00
SUB TOTAL, OTHER	<u>4,705.00</u>	<u>2,585.65</u>	<u>2,119.35</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>9,386.00</u>	<u>5,298.17</u>	<u>4,087.83</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(266.00)</u>	<u>3,410.82</u>	<u>3,676.82</u>

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 18th September 2001 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor) - items 1 - 4
9 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs R Saunders (holiday)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 10th July meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Village Appraisal (item 3). Mrs Edmonds has made contact with Ms Hazel Fish, coordinator for the Rural Community Council. It was agreed to invite her to address a future meeting. The Clerk has obtained a 'Vital Villages' action pack and this was passed over to Mrs Edmonds.

'Welcome Guides' (item 15). Mrs Edmonds suggested that the Village Hall Committee could take this on as a group but it was felt that it is better to have one individual directly responsible and Mrs Edmonds undertook to follow this up.

3A PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This was again included as a late Agenda item in view of current developments. Following the last Meeting, it was learned that Kinchbus would continue to operate the No. 8 service for a further month, until end September. The County Council had intended to negotiate a short term contract (up to one year) with another operator whilst a Best Value Review was undertaken. There has, however, been a very recent change of plan. Quotations to operate the service have been coming in higher than expected

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and, to provide continuity whilst the implications of this are considered, Paul James Coaches of Loughborough have been appointed to operate the service from 1st October until at least the end of this year.

Before this latest development, a consultation paper had been received with regard to a proposed new timetable and copies had been distributed to Members. It was agreed to respond to this, welcoming earlier first and later last buses but drawing attention to the omission of the Prestwold stop and asking for this to be reinstated. A Summary of the Best Value Review has also been received as a consultation document and this will be copied to Members for discussion at the next meeting.

There have been preliminary talks with Wymeswold with regard to a common approach to **Community Transport** issues and it was agreed to continue these at the Joint Councils meeting now arranged for 10th October. Mrs Saunders had sent word that Buddon Private Hire of Quorn had expressed an interest in providing transport between Burton and Barrow and it was agreed to keep this in mind as Community Transport issues are progressed.

4 **TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

Following the meeting with County and Police representatives on 19th July, which had focussed largely on alternative arrangements for bus stops should the zebra crossing scheme go ahead, a consultation document was sent by the County to every property in Burton requesting comments by 17th August. This had aroused strong feelings, the Parish Council receiving a number of copy letters against the scheme sent by residents to the County Council and in view of this the Chairman called a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on 14th August, attended by the County Council (Mr Hans Leatherby), the Police (P.C. Hewitt), County Councillor Kershaw and 80 residents. Prior to this a Burton Road Safety Action Group had been formed by Mr John Hindley which organised a petition against the scheme.

Many residents spoke at the meeting and all were against the scheme. Mr Leatherby and Councillor Kershaw were left in no doubt that villagers did not want it to go ahead and other suggestions were made to improve safety in Burton which they were urged to consider. Following the meeting a summary, including alternative suggestions, was sent to County Hall and to Councillor Kershaw. This is now under consideration. Councillor Kershaw advised that the matter had come before Committee and he had recommended that no action be taken on the project but that alternatives are examined and the Parish Council consulted. This had been agreed. From the floor, Mr Hindley pointed out that the biggest issue was the proposed removal of the pedestrian refuge on Melton Road.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Clerk for his efforts during recent months when the workload has been particularly heavy, with these and other issues.

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5 PLANNING

Two Applications had been dealt with during the summer break, no objections being raised:

P/01/1899 - removal of overhanging branches, etc., at 2 The Willows, Burton (Mr B A Rowell)

P/01/1924 - extension to side at 11 Brook Street, Burton (Mr C Breeze).

It was decided to raise no objection to current Application **P/01/2245 - single storey extension to front/side at 4 St Philips Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs Blackshaw).**

An Application to the County Council by **British Gypsum Ltd** for **expansion of manufacturing capacity at Barrow Works and continuation of a temporary dispensation to import higher quality gypsum by road** had been dealt with during the summer break. The Chairman and Clerk had attended a presentation at the Barrow Works on 2nd August to hear details of the Application and had taken the opportunity to raise concerns about lorry movements through Burton and Prestwold, which could well increase pro rata to total movements to and from the site.

The detailed Application had been circulated amongst available Councillors and, after consultations, no objection had been raised, Mrs Edmonds dissenting. She expressed the view that there would have been legal reasons to object. Mr Sharpe, who had been away, felt that an objection should have been raised. From the floor, a view was expressed that any application that could involve additional traffic flow through Burton should always be opposed, irrespective of whether there are planning grounds for doing so. It was pointed out from the Chair that it is futile to oppose Applications unless there are valid grounds to do so. So long as the B676 remains a Class 2 trunk road, there are no grounds to discriminate against British Gypsum or anybody else using it, much as we may dislike the passage of Large Goods Vehicles. The Parish Council has led, and continues to lead, the fight to control the flow of traffic through Burton but an objection to this Application is not the way to do it.

As a result of various discussions which had arisen from the above issue, a proposal had been made to the County Council that traffic leaving the Barrow Gypsum Works should turn left on Pawdy Lane, right on Fishpool Way (at the edge of Barrow) and then right again, joining the B676 at the Old School House to the west of Burton. This would take any Gypsum vehicles which currently turn left at Six Hills to join the B676 through Burton out of the village altogether. It has been further suggested that all traffic over 7.5 tonnes, except for access, should be routed from Six Hills along Pawdy Lane and then by this route, enabling a 7.5 tonne limit to be placed on the B676

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from Six Hills to the Old School House, thus keeping all heavy traffic out of Burton. An acknowledgment has been received and a full reply is awaited.

P/98/00027 - Burton Hall. A response from the Charnwood Principal Planning Officer confirms that the applicant has been advised that a fresh application must be submitted if there is to be any variation from the originally approved parking layout. He has asked them to try to find a couple more spaces.

Airfield Activities. The Planning Inspector rejected the Applicants' appeal with regard to P/99/2394. This means that the Borough Council's refusal to permit helicopter flights has been upheld and that the Parish Council's campaign has been successful. The Applicants immediately arranged for their later Application, P/01/0853 to be placed before the Plans Committee, with the helicopter application omitted, and this was then approved with Conditions. Councillor Shields advises that these Conditions have just been published in the Plans Committee minutes and the Clerk will circularise these to members as soon as possible.

Village Hall Information Point. Mrs Edmonds suggested that copies of legislation, local plans etc could be made available at the Village Hall for reference purposes. This was deferred to the next meeting to allow time for consideration.

6 VILLAGE HALL

The Borough Cleansing Department are in touch with Mrs Newby to book the Village Hall for their annual meeting with Parishes, early in October.

Ms Michele Storey from the Post Office had met with the Chairman and Clerk on 26th July to look at possible locations for a new Post Office facility. Both the Garage and the 'Greyhound' were unwilling and the Village Hall appeared to be the only possibility, perhaps operating on one or two afternoons a week staffed from a neighbouring Post Office. A further meeting was set up with Mrs Edmonds who advised that, although this approach duplicated negotiations already in progress, talks were continuing.

Mrs Pickford advised that the computer 'pod' is going ahead and courses will be run, the first of which, for laptops, is already being advertised. Although not successful in prize winning terms, the entry into the Best Village Hall competition had been very worthwhile with favourable comments from the judges and useful pointers towards further improvement. The 'Detour' performance in November has been cancelled by them. A regular letting has been agreed on Sunday mornings to a religious group. Efforts, unsuccessful so far, are being made to trace the piano, last reported in the Village Hall Minutes in 1980. It is requested that chairs be stacked no more than four high in the Committee Room.

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7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

A cheque for this year's allotment rents totalling £260.00 has been received.

8 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders sent word that the new pedal roundabout has been installed and is proving popular. Eighty tickets were sold for the Summer Luncheon at Lang's and £648 was raised from what was overall a successful event.

The Clerk advised that the balance to be met by the Parish Council for the roundabout, after receipt of all grants, was £1533.96, comfortably inside the £2000 authorised.

A circular from the Football Foundation with regard to grants available will be passed over to the PFA.

9 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

All hard landscaping is now complete, Soar Valley Services having been engaged for the purpose. Soil condition and the too steep gradient occasioned a different approach to that originally envisaged. Mrs Pickford showed the meeting a sample of the perforated 'hare' design, fourteen of which will be incorporated in the railings. She advised that quotations have now been invited for the railings and also for planting. These should be available at the next meeting.

The unspent balance of allocated funds is currently £5795.83. The Arts Officer of the Borough Council has once more been asked about progress on the seat which has been applied for under the 'Charnwood Views' scheme, and again there has been no firm news. This application was made in April 2000 and Councillor Shields was asked to intervene.

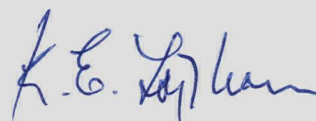
Mrs Pickford read the following statement which she asked to be recorded verbatim:

"It is unfortunate that due to bad weather difficulties and contractors who let us down, that the project has taken so long.

Pressure to get the project completed has resulted in a lack of communication and additional expense. Work that has been redone has not been reinstated as it was originally.

All of these factors have resulted in some ill feeling in the village.

I hope that with the end almost in sight all factions will be able to put the past behind them and look forward to enjoying the Millennium Garden as the community's amenity - as was its intention."



10 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

With the reopening of paths after the national Foot & Mouth emergency, the paths proposed for the Guide have been walked and a narrative substantially agreed between Mrs Saunders and the Clerk. Mr Brian Rowell has taken a series of photographs illustrating the walks and the historical data provided by Joan and Peter Shaw incorporated into the narrative. After final checking, the draft will be submitted to the County Council.

11 ENVIRONMENT

East Midlands Airport. The Chairman and Clerk met with the Airport Environmental Officer on 20th July. It was a difficult meeting with the Officer, Mr Robinson, unwilling to accept that outbound aircraft now overfly our villages despite the overwhelming evidence contained in many letters from the Clerk and from Burton residents. Their tolerances are extremely wide, their computer traces indicate very few transgressions and, in any case, it appears that the Airport Authority has no power to insist that aircraft follow the recommended routes. Despite all this, a promise was extracted to conduct an experiment involving one, unnamed, airline who would be asked to make their southbound turn 5 miles out, instead of 5 1/2 miles as now, which should take them further away from Burton.

At the Airport Related Parish Councils meeting last night, it was learned that this change is to be incorporated into the flight plan for all aircraft from 1st October. This positive outcome, resulting from the Council's campaign, should result in aircraft passing further to the west with correspondingly less noise but this will need to be monitored.

Gravel from private driveway, 3 Barrow Road, Burton. This has been reported to the Borough Enforcement Officer, Mr Dudley, who will take appropriate action.

Public Seat, Melton Road, Burton. Despite many requests, PH Fencing have quoted neither for this nor for the renewal of railings and another contractor will be found.

Travellers at Cotes Road, Cotes. There have been three visits in quick succession, with a great deal of refuse left each time. Mr Cameron of the Cleansing Department is now planning to dig ditches, after first consulting with the adjoining landowner.

Other issues at Cotes. At Mrs Spicer's request, a missing Stanford Lane sign and foul smells from drains in the same area have been reported to the appropriate Borough Council departments.

Road Signs, Burton. Mrs Saunders sent word that a Huntingdon Close sign has fallen and she also suggests that a sign at Sowters Lane showing

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'leading to Seals Close' would be helpful. The first has been reported and it was agreed to ask the Borough to arrange the latter.

Play Area off St Philips Road. Mrs Saunders also sent word about the condition of this area. Mr Sharpe advised that he had been in touch with the Borough who are refusing to accept responsibility for it. The Clerk's recollection is that the Borough had formally agreed to take over this piece of land three or four years ago and Mr Sharpe will supply copy correspondence in order that this can be followed up.

Visual obstruction at B676/A60 junction, Cotes. Mr Sharpe asked whether anything had been done about the bushes which obscure vision at this junction. The Clerk will pursue. Mrs Spicer advised that the bushes are on Hibbins' land.

13 FINANCE

The quotation received from Good Directions Ltd for a clock and weather vane for the Village Hall, to be funded by the George Harvey Bequest, totals £2625.99, excluding fitting costs and a commemorative plaque. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that the purchase be authorised, with the weather vane to be surmounted by a pheasant. The Clerk will liaise with the Village Hall Management as regards appointment of a contractor since it should be possible to integrate this with work on the false ceiling.

Moore Stephens of Leicester have now been appointed auditors by The Audit Commission. Audit documents are to be lodged on 5th November and reviewed on 19th November. The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure Account (showing nett expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2001 of £1203), Balance Sheet, Supporting Statement and Notes. These were duly approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk, the latter as Responsible Financial Officer.

The Parish Council had agreed to participate in 'pathfinder' audits to test the new 'lighter touch' regime. This regime should result in external audit fees being at least halved but an internal auditor will have to be appointed with fairly onerous responsibilities. The Clerk is meeting with Moore Stephens and with the Audit Commission in Leicester tomorrow to discuss the various implications. Mr Sharpe, who is qualified, offered his services as internal auditor.

The 2001 National Salary Award details are now available from the NALC and it was proposed Mr Minkley, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried unanimously that the Clerk's salary be adjusted with effect from 1st April 2001 in line with these recommendations. Moving up one grade, to SCP20, the annual salary calculated on six hours per week is £2400.32, or £200.03 per month. The casual users car allowance is advanced from 48.5p to 49.1p

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per mile. The Clerk receives an allowance of £300 per annum for provision of office facilities, e.g. rent, heat and light etc. This has remained unchanged since April 1997 and it was agreed to advance this to £350 from 1st April 2001.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques, paid during the summer recess, were authorised:

Hagsplay Ltd	roundabout	6194.56
Severn Trent	PFA 57.49	
	Allotments 18.23	75.72
G & J Lambert	maintenance	524.50
Viking Direct	office supplies	95.07
Cornhill Insurance	Village Hall	520.53

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	279.50
K W Davies	salary/expenses	626.06
Soar Valley Services	Millennium Garden	1944.86

14 MISCELLANEOUS

Partnership Funding for Bus Shelters. The County Council are offering grants of 50% up to £3000 and it was agreed to make a provisional application. Details of a **Policing Seminar**, the Annual Meeting of the **East Midlands Development Agency** and a presentation by the **Charnwood Mental Health Forum** were noted.

15 PRESS RELEASE

The next edition of the 'Link' has already gone to press so a combined Release will be issued after the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday, 10th July 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr D Minkley
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr A Kershaw (County Councillor)
3 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr R Moyle (business), Mrs L Spicer (holiday).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 12th June meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Village Appraisal (item 3). Mrs Edmonds had no further news but will endeavour to bring some information to the next meeting.

Periodic Election Review (item 3). Charnwood Borough Council have produced draft proposals which propose many changes throughout the Borough but which leave the Wolds Ward and its constituent parishes unchanged. It was agreed to support these proposals for the Wolds.

- 3A PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** It was agreed to include this late Agenda item as, on Thursday last, it had been learned that Kinchbus will cease to operate the No.8 bus service through our villages from end August. Enquiries with Kinchbus and with the County and Borough Councils had yielded somewhat conflicting information but it seems that the County are making a grant to enable Kinchbus to continue for a further two months whilst a Best Value Review is undertaken, prior to agreeing terms with another operator to continue the service.

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Mr J Hindley, who was in attendance at the meeting and who is a member of the Bus Users' Panel, had spoken to Mr Holden (the County Public Transport Co-ordinator) and received an assurance that the the new operator will continue the service as before.

It was agreed to write to Mr Holden expressing our concerns and making it clear that this service is a lifeline to our parishes and urging that no reduction in service levels should be contemplated; indeed that this is the opportunity to consider improvements along the lines suggested at the meeting with Mr Forbes not long ago. Councillor Kershaw, who is involved in the Public Transport Review Panel at County Hall and with the similar body in Charnwood, promised to follow the matter up within those bodies.

Ms Kelly Swann, Community Transport Development Worker with Charnwood Community Council, then gave a presentation on community transport. Display Boards illustrating her talk will be left in the Village Hall for two weeks, together with explanatory leaflets. Her projects include car sharing and mini buses on a self help basis for journeys to sports and leisure events, visits to surgeries, etc.

Ms Swann was thanked for her interesting and useful talk. It was agreed that further consideration should await the outcome of the Kinchbus withdrawal and be linked with the joint approach with Wymeswold to the LCC Rural Communities Transport Officer regarding possible Countryside Agency funding.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Copy of a letter dated 25th June from the LCC Senior Engineer to Mr Craig at the Primary School has been received, with an amended drawing for the zebra crossing and detailed explanation as to why it is proposed to locate the crossing on Melton Road rather than Loughborough Road. A meeting has been arranged for 19th July, involving LCC and the Police to discuss practical aspects, including repositioning bus stops. The Chairman and Clerk will attend. Councillor Kershaw advised that the contract could be carried out as early as October, subject to all formalities, including the public consultation process, being satisfactorily concluded.

Our letter regarding the Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane roundabout scheme has been acknowledged but a full reply is still awaited.

5 PLAYING FIELD

Cornhill Insurance have paid £433.00 in settlement of the claim for damaged sightscreen and pavilion. £403.12 of this will be remitted to the Cricket Club as a contribution towards the replacement screen.

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A Guide to Management of Play Areas has been purchased at a cost of £11.00.

Mrs Saunders advised that the new pedal roundabout has been ordered. There is a Lottery grant of £3000 which, together with a County grant, will leave a balance for the Parish Council contribution of around £1000 (considerably below the £2000 previously approved).

The existing roundabout has been vandalised and taken out of commission pending repairs.

The RoSPA Inspection Report has been received and is generally satisfactory. A loose manhole cover is the only identified high risk and immediate steps are being taken to replace it with a cast iron cover.

Members are asked to support a Village Luncheon at Lang's Restaurant on 5th August, which it is hoped will combine fundraising for the PFA with a very pleasant social occasion. The Summer Fete this year raised approx. £450.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Arrangements will be made to frame the enhanced photo/portrait of the Duke of Somerset. Mrs Joan Shaw has kindly supplied historical notes concerning the St Maur family and the Village Hall.

Mrs Pickford advised that the Management Committee has entered the Best Village Hall competition. A 'Detour' performance for children has been arranged for November. Location of a computer POD in the Hall is under investigation.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Thirteen allotments have been let this year and the rents have been requested.

8 PLANNING

Local Plan. The Clerk has checked the latest amendments and there would appear to be nothing new of significance to us.

P/01/00516 - Burton Hall. The developers, Steeple Grange Investments Ltd advised that work on the cottage would start on 4th June followed by conversion of the Hall itself about one month later. They have given assurances that they will take great care to minimise disruption and have given contacts.

An amendment has been received to **P/98/00027** which is the change of use to eight apartments. It was agreed that the proposed internal variations

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are acceptable but that the amended parking layout, with just thirteen spaces, mostly against the silver birch tree frontage is not. A strong protest will be made.

There is also an Application, **P/01/1634**, to vary condition 1 of the Outline Permission for the paddock granted in 1998, to extend it for a further two years. It is normal for such extensions to be granted unless there are material changes since the original Application. There would appear to be no grounds for objection in this case.

Airfield Activities. There is still no news of the Inspector's decision on the Appeal. The most recent problem has been prolonged straw burning with, on at least one occasion, dark smoke blowing across Burton. This arises from burning of large quantities of straw bales originally destined for a power station but refused because of high moisture content. CBC Environmental Services were advised and their advice is that white smoke (which is all that they saw) is not an offence under the Clean Air Act. The contractor has been asked to take account of wind direction and not to burn when smoke would be carried over the villages.

P/01/1358 - Telecommunications Compound and tower at Wymeswold Industrial Park. Full details were received following the previous meeting and, as decided then, no objection was raised.

P/01/1582 - replacement pitched roof etc at Hurst Hill Farm, Melton Road, Burton (M Thompson) and

P/01/1612 - roof extensions and porch at Lochfain Lodge, 235 Narrow Lane, Wymeswold (Abbey Turf)

There were no objections to these two Applications.

P/01/1601 - variation to P/96/1657 to allow storage of ten non-touring caravans at Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr T Scottorn) - there was no objection so long as there is adequate screening.

9 MILLENNIUM

Millennium Garden. Mrs Pickford advised that the cost of railings was estimated at £3900 and it was agreed to go ahead as this is within budget. Delivery will be three weeks from order.

LEAF (who are part funding this project) advise that they will be ceasing operations but that all outstanding commitments will be honoured. Projects should be completed by the end of this year.

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Bob Myring has cleared the blockage to the inner bowl and cleaned it overall. A letter of thanks will be sent.

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10 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Clerk is meeting with Mr Brian Rowell shortly to progress illustrations for the Guide.

All local footpaths are now reopened except the section across the paddock adjoining Seymour House.

The Borough Council advise that the bank between the brook and footpath alongside the pig farm in Burton has not been cleared in order to encourage wildlife. They have agreed to clear it within the next few days following complaints of flood risk.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon. The frontage was finally cleared on 5th July. The new contact at Severn Trent is Rod Beaumont and he has promised to come out to look at the security aspects shortly.

Street and Footway Cleaning in Burton. Unswept areas of the main road were attended to on 13th June. The Cleansing Department have now agree to sweep the main road in Burton monthly. We have offered the Village Hall for the annual Cleansing Department meeting with the parishes.

Poultry Farm. Mr Tony Edmonds has spoken with Beverly Green about perceived shortcomings in the data provided and is willing to advise them on how to improve it.

East Midlands Airport. The noise problem from aircraft taking off continues and a number of people from the western side of Burton have sent written complaints to the Airport Authority. Hoton Parish Council have been in touch as they are experiencing similar problems. The Airport's Environmental Officer has now suggested a visit to view their data and discuss the issues. It was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and, if possible, Mr Sharpe would do so.

Footways between Burton and Loughborough. The County Council have written to say that to convert the existing footway into a footway/cycleway they would need to acquire land to widen the path in some places. It is unlikely that funding will be available in the foreseeable future but the project has been added to a list of sites awaiting funding. They thank the Parish Council for the suggestion.

Gravel from Private Driveway, 3 Barrow Road, Burton. Full particulars of the original Planning Condition was now to hand and it was agreed to pursue the matter with the Enforcement Officer.

K.E. Lopham

Trailer Parking in Back Lane, Cotes. The Environmental Health Officer advises that she has made several visits to the site without finding any trailer there. Should the problem recur, she recommends that the Traffic Commissioner be involved.

Public Seat, Melton Road, Burton. PH Fencing of Wymeswold have been asked to quote for this repair and for renewal of railings on the south side of Melton Road, near to Sowters Lane.

Travellers. There has been a short lived encampment on the roadside of Cotes Road. A great deal of rubbish has been left. Councillor Shields has suggested to the Borough Council (Mr Stuart Birch) that this area be deep ploughed to prevent a recurrence.

13 FINANCE

The **George Harvey Bequest** sub-committee recommends purchase of a clock and weather vane to be installed at the Village Hall. Further discussions about particular models need to take place with the suppliers before prices are finalised but it is clear that these features can be supplied and installed at under £5,000. Authorisation to proceed was given.

14 CHEQUES

A cheque to Warwickshire PFA for £11.00 (see item 5 above), drawn since the last meeting, was authorised.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	322.00
K W Davies	salary/expenses	229.13
P M Services	Inspection	88.13
Cornhill Ins.	Public Liability	262.50
JP Electrics	V/Hall inspection	70.00
BOTW Cricket	Ins. claim	403.12

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs Joy Atkinson, who produces and distributes the 'Welcome Guides' will be leaving Burton shortly. Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Pickford hope to identify somebody to take over this role and will advise the Clerk.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the bus service, Balancing Lagoon, East Midlands Airport, proposed Zebra Crossing, road sweeping and George Harvey bequest.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.42 p.m.

K.E. Lopham

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th June 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr P Shaw (Heritage Warden)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs M Pickford (prior engagement)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 8th May meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Village Appraisal (Item 3). In Mrs Edmonds' absence, there was again no news.

Periodic Electoral Review (Item 15). The Chairman and Clerk had attended the meeting on 9th May. It is clear that there will be significant alterations to the boundaries of Borough Council seats. The Local Government Commission, which is conducting this review, has no remit to alter parish wards except where necessary to achieve parity between Borough Council seats and it seems unlikely that any changes will be recommended affecting our parishes. We shall be kept informed as the Review proceeds.

UKVillages.co.uk Website (Item 15). Following discussions with Mr Rod Ward, it appears that this proposal offers nothing not already provided on Mr Ward's website which presently records 6/7 visits per day. No action will be taken regarding UKVillages and the Press Release relating to Council Meetings will henceforth be provided to Mr Ward.

Community Transport (Item 15). Wymeswold Parish Council have changed their stance and would now like to join us in investigating this.

K.E. Topham

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Mr Bernard Evans, Senior Engineer to the County Council has written to advise that the zebra crossing scheme for Burton has been approved by Cabinet and should be formally advertised in July for construction this financial year, subject to political approval. It is understood that the Primary School have been consulted and are advising their preference for the crossing to be outside the Village Hall.

He also advises that the suggestion for a small roundabout at Wymeswold Lane is under consideration but that land would need to be acquired. The resulting delay and associated cost mean that, even if approved, the scheme could not go forward for construction this year. It was agreed that the Council offer to act as intermediary in the purchase of land, to speed up the process, and to ask the County to draw up an outline scheme showing the land required.

It was noted that Mr Anthony Kershaw has been elected County Councillor for Barrow upon Soar and it was agreed to write inviting him to attend our meetings in order that he can be briefed on this and other relevant issues.

5 PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The Annual Accounts for year ended March 2001 have been received showing a surplus for the year of £398 and accumulated reserves of £1,198. Mrs Saunders advised that there may be an error with regard to grant assistance, which is being investigated.

The annual Summer Fete will be on Sunday 24th June. The Tennis Club have sent a cheque for £3515.00 with regard to refurbishment of the courts. The provision of a new roundabout is delayed by procrastination from the County Council with regard to their grant.

6 VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman has obtained improved 'blow ups' of the Duke of Somerset's portrait, at a cost of £10.00, and it was agreed to to have one framed for display alongside his two brothers in a similar frame. Mr Shaw was asked to kindly supply notes on the involvement of the St. Maur family in the early history of Burton Parish Council, which could also be displayed.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report.

K. E. Lopham.

8 SCHOOL

The Clerk to Governors advises that Walton on the Wolds Parish Council's nominee for Minor Authority Governor has been elected and expresses thanks to Mrs Edmonds for her consideration and support. It was agreed to write to the Chair of Governors expressing this Council's continuing interest in Burton Primary School affairs and requesting that we continue to be kept informed of matters of interest.

Mr Topham advised that he continues to serve as LEA Governor.

9 PLANNING

Local Plan. Charnwood Borough have issued a Statement of Decisions and Reasons on the Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications. The Clerk will liaise with Councillor Shields and, if necessary, check this document to ensure that there is nothing of which we are unaware.

Planning Training. Further details of the Borough's proposed courses were available but it was confirmed that we shall not participate.

Burton Hall. Steeple Grange Investments have written to say that work would commence on the cottage on 4th June, with conversion of the Hall itself about a month after that. They detail steps to minimise disruption.

Airfield Activities. The tyre screech problem has returned with the onset of better weather. Mrs Pickford complained to the Borough about problems on 2nd June. Mr Tony Evans of Hall Drive has sent copies of three letters sent by him. Hoton Council have also complained. The Borough have sent a copy letter from Andrew Granger & Co to East Midlands Helicopters at Costock instructing them to fly only the 'approved' circuit. It was agreed to write to the Council pointing out that, with planning permission refused, they should not be flying any circuit.

P/01/1164 - proposed single storey extension to rear of 48 Melton Road, Burton (B E Searson). This consultation had had a deadline of 1st June and no objection had been raised.

P/01/0841 - proposed replacement storage tank at 12 The Willows, Burton (Andrew Dorrington) and

P/01/1066 - proposed extensions at 22 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs S P Burton) and

P/01/1325 - proposed extension and detached double garage at 12 Mundy Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs C A Wilson) and

P/01/1405 - single storey extension to rear of 11 Sowters Lane, Burton (Nigel Lines)

There was no objection to any of the above Applications.

K.E. Topham

P/01/1385 - Telecommunications Development Determination for compound to house antennae and dishes on 15 metre high tower at Wymeswold Industrial Park (Nic Goodwin Ltd). Preliminary notification has been received of this project but no details are to hand. It was agreed not to object so long as no unsatisfactory features emerge from the detailed application, if and when received.

10 MILLENNIUM

Mrs Pickford sent word that the weeds in the **Millennium Garden** have now died off and the contractor has been instructed to proceed with inserting the posts around the 'owl'. Planting will then commence. The design for railings has now been computerised and should be progressed within the next week.

Concern was expressed that fresh weeds are appearing and that the soil quality looks very poor. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would liaise with Mrs Pickford to see what more needs to be done. It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that a further £250 funds be made available if necessary.

It was noted that the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** has reverted to the previous 'waterfall' effect with water cascading over the outer bowl and vegetation forming. This leads to damp spreading through the stonework and it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Mr & Mrs Myring in Fountain House to clear and clean it.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

A notification of reopening of Rights of Way from the County Council has been circulated. Mrs Saunders believes that not all have reopened. Green notices are exhibited on those which have.

G & J Lambert have cleared the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane path. Others are overgrown but no further clearance should be carried out without landowners' consent. The Clerk will contact Mr Brian Rowell to progress the leaflet.

The path alongside the brook beside the pig farm is very overgrown and the Borough will be asked to attend.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon. The Chairman of Severn Trent Water, Mr Robert Walker, has replied at some length (on 29th May) apologising for the problems we have experienced and promising action as a matter of urgency within the next few days. Nothing has happened as yet and an acknowledgement will be sent pointing this out.

K. E. Longman

Street and Footway Cleaning in Burton. The promised action took place on 18th May but not all footways were swept. This has been reported and a request made for sweeping monthly rather than quarterly.

Poultry Farm. There has been no feedback from Mr Edmonds on the statistics provided.

East Midlands Airport. The Environmental Officer has sent a disappointing response contending that all aircraft complained of are operating normally. He states that aircraft seen to pass directly overhead the western side of Burton were in fact between 2.2 and 3.5 km from the village. He advises that they apply a tolerance of up to 1500 metres either side of the published centreline, something that was never said when the consultation about departure routes took place last year.

It still appears that virtually all aircraft heading south from runway 09 are passing directly or near directly overhead Burton, often very noisily. The Officer's contention has been challenged and further examples supplied.

The Clerk attended the recent meeting of the AARPC and gave a report on our experiences. Some other villages have experienced similar problems and the issue will be raised at a forthcoming meeting of the Airport Users' Council on which the AARPC has a delegate. There has been correspondence in the 'Echo' from Barrow about the same problem with a response from the Airport Communications Executive stating that no changes will be made because consultation was carried out beforehand. It was agreed to write to her pointing out that the consultation was misleading, has had unforeseen consequences and needs review but it was decided not to seek newspaper publicity for fear of adverse impact on property values.

Footways between Burton and Loughborough. Letters from the County Council advise that an instruction has been given to edge back the footway. Holes will be dug to see if more width can be achieved. Investigations will shortly be carried out to ascertain if a cycleway is feasible.

Gravel from private driveway. It was clarified that this problem relates to Loughborough Road from the back entrance to 3 Barrow Road. Further enquiries will be made.

Highway problems in Cotes. There was clarification of the overhanging tree problem, which will be investigated. Complaints about trailer parking in Back Lane will also be reported.

Car Parking on Melton Road, Burton. The footway is being regularly blocked by a parked car. This seems to be as a result of the ongoing dispute between Mr Hubbard and local residents about parking on the 'triangle'. Mrs Saunders will look into it.

K.E. Lopham

Public Seat, Melton Road. This seat, at the bus stop near the pig farm entrance, is in need of repair.

13 FINANCE

The Clerk has obtained a number of catalogues and price lists relating to the possible projects for the **George Harvey Bequest**. A sub committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs Saunders, Mr Minkley and the Clerk will meet on Tuesday next, 19th June at 2.30 p.m. to consider these and make recommendations to the full Council.

Cornhill Insurance have failed to make the correct amendments to the property list despite several attempts. They will be paid on the basis of their latest revised invoice, the correct valuations being on the record with them.

A County Council offer of funding for Community Safety Initiatives was noted.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	322.00
K W Davies	salary/expenses	248.77
Cornhill Insurance	renewal	734.04
Linemakers Ltd	tennis courts	4130.13
Rural Council	subscription	20.00
CPRE	subscription	17.50
Paul Moffatt	photo enhancement	10.00

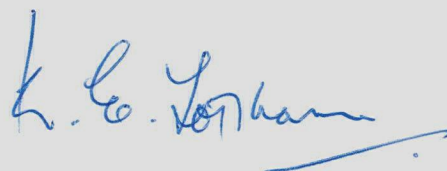
15 MISCELLANEOUS

A Rural Partnership Conference and Charnwood Civic Service were both noted.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the balancing lagoon, Airport, Burton Hall, Fountain, footways and a precis of a CPRE summary of the background to the deletion of Brook Street/Melton Road and other sites from the Local Plan.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.



MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th May 2001, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present:

Mr K Topham (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - items 1 - 11
Mr P Shaw (Heritage Warden)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs D Edmonds (indisposed), Mrs M Pickford (holiday).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 10th April meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

In Mrs Edmonds' absence there was no news of a **Village Appraisal**.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

There was nothing to report.

5 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA AGM, an open meeting, will be held on 16th May.

The seat to the memory of George Harvey, paid for by contributions from friends and neighbours and topped up by the PFA has been installed on the playing field. The nett £190.00 will be made over to the Council who will pay the invoice to Leicester Playscape Ltd.

A letter from the Borough Council regarding Development Programme grants was passed over to the PFA.

K. E. Topham

6 VILLAGE HALL

Enlargements of the Duke of Somerset portrait arranged by Mrs Helen Monk were judged unsuitable due to the blurred nature of the originals provided. The Chairman will check whether anything more can be done.

Mr Topham had been in touch with the East Leake Medical Centre and the Clerk with that at Barrow but the reply was the same in both cases, they are at full stretch and unable to offer any extension of their facilities to Burton.

The AGM of the Management Committee, to which all are invited, will be on 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The Governors' meeting, at which a new Minor Authority Governor will be appointed, is tonight.

9 PLANNING

Airfield Activities. The Borough Council have advised details of the Appeal procedure to the Planning Inspector with regard to P/99/02394 and the Clerk has replied as previously agreed.

Two letters have been received from the Borough Solicitors, Sara Goodwin and Christine Taylor explaining at length the process and issues to be considered in seeking an injunction. The conclusion is that nothing is feasible until the Appeal has been decided. These letters will be circulated.

As indicated at the last Meeting, a fresh Application, P/01/0853 has been received and the Clerk has replied in great detail outlining the Council's objections as before. Another letter was also sent to the Director of Planning complaining about the need to reply at length to the new Application when the previous one, which to all intents and purposes is the same, is still before the Planning Inspector. The reply, from Mr Hodgett, explains that the Borough have no choice other than to process the new Application.

In this letter, Mr Hodgett indicates that the Borough consider the helicopter issue to be the only one outstanding and that the tyre screech problem has been resolved. This is certainly not our view and, after checking with Mrs Pickford upon her return from holiday, the Clerk will respond pointing this out and insisting that suitable restrictive Conditions are imposed. Councillor Shields advised that Hoton continue to be concerned about these issues and have circularised residents advising them how to object.

Proposed Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton.

Mr T Hubbard called upon the Clerk immediately after receiving the letter sent following the last Meeting. He does not accept that the highway rights override any ownership rights. Subsequently he showed the Clerk an old plan (no details of origin or date were visible) which included the triangle of land within the pig farm property boundaries. He intends to show our letter to his Solicitor shortly. His view, clearly stated, is that the triangle of land is his and nobody has any right to use it or park on it.

Limits of Development, Burton on the Wolds. A copy letter from David Hankin, Borough Head of Plans and Conservation to Borough Councillor Stott was read, relating to the Burton limits of development as notified by Councillor Shields at our March meeting. It was evidently considered that the orchard off Brook Street should be included within the village area, as opposed to being defined as countryside, because of its character and setting.

P/95/2232 - taking off and landing of aircraft from Wymeswold Airfield. The Borough Council have finally decided, in April this year, to refuse this 1995 Application!

10 MILLENNIUM

Conditions finally improved sufficiently to allow weed spraying to take place last week. It should be possible to start planting in about a month.

LEAF have requested an update, which has been sent. They have now confirmed that the balance of their grant is available in the current financial year.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mrs Saunders advised that discussions regarding reopening some footpaths have not led to a positive outcome as yet.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. Two letters to Severn Trent Head Office Management have, astonishingly, brought no response. A letter has now been sent to the Chief Executive. Mr Moyle volunteered to intercede if this brings no response.

Street and Footway Cleaning in Burton. Following our letter, Mr Cameron, Assistant Cleansing Manager, came out to see for himself. The previously promised action should take place very shortly. Sweeping every three months is in any case considered to be inadequate and a request will be made for monthly sweeping.

K.E. Lopham

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton. There was no report on the dust level analysis, in Mrs Edmonds' absence.

East Midlands Airport. A reply from the Environmental Officer contends that the flights complained of were flying the departure route within an acceptable degree of accuracy. These routes came into force on 22nd March and should take aircraft to the west of Prestwold and Burton and to the east of Cotes. In fact they are almost invariably overflying Prestwold and Burton when taking off with the wind in the east and heading south, as has been the case recently. The noise from these aircraft, day and night, is worse than it has ever been and further protest letters have been sent.

Flooding in Burton. A response from Mr Rook indicates that he hopes to present a report to the Borough Council in May for consideration of safety alarms and emergency response.

Footways between Burton and Loughborough. In October last, the County promised to clear these overgrown footways, but Councillor Sharpe advised this has not happened. This will be taken up, with the suggestion that this could usefully be converted to a footpath/cycleway. Beyond Cotes Bridge this footway becomes a Borough responsibility and a similar suggestion will be put to them.

Gravel strewn over Barrow Road from private driveway. The Clerk will check whether there are Planning Conditions relating to hard surfacing the road end of this driveway close to Burton village centre.

Cotes Bus Shelter. Mrs Spicer advised that this has again been damaged. G & J Lambert will be asked to carry out repairs, as before.

Loughborough Road, Cotes. Mrs Spicer has received reports that bushes are overgrowing the highway close to the humpback bridge. The Clerk will investigate.

13 FINANCE

A letter from the Audit Commission advises that they are not yet able to confirm the appointment of new external auditors. They ask if we would be prepared to take part in a test of a proposed new regime and it was agreed to reply in the affirmative.

A full analysis of the alternatives for the George Harvey bequest has not yet been made. The County Council have confirmed that their scheme of 50% grant towards the cost of bus shelters, up to £3000, will be available again this year. Councillor Shields advised that Charnwood Borough also contribute towards bus shelters. Several villagers have indicated a preference to see the bequest used in this way.

14 CHEQUES

A cheque for £30.00 to Ian Palmer and paid to Linda Sutton for spraying the Millennium Garden, drawn since the last meeting, was authorised.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	379.50
K W Davies	salary/expenses	291.54
Viking Direct	copier toner	108.04
Leics. Playscape	Memorial Bench	223.25

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended the **Joint Councils Meeting** at Wymeswold and Minutes had been circulated. There had been no interest there in a joint approach to **Community Transport**. The Clerk will nevertheless set up a meeting with Kelly Swann of the Charnwood Community Council about this.

There is a meeting tomorrow at Loughborough Town Hall concerning the **Charnwood Borough Periodic Election Review** and Parishes are advised that "it is clearly in your interest to attend, in the light of the probability of substantial change to electoral arrangements." Mrs Saunders and the Clerk will attend.

It was agreed to meet in July and to take the **annual holiday break** in August.

A letter from UKVillages.co.uk advises that 'your community is already online with UKVillages' and invites participation, completely free. The Clerk will discuss this with Mr Rod Ward who operates the existing **Burton website**.

A letter from the Royal Mint regarding **Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medals** was noted.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the AGM appointments, Millennium Garden update, Doctors' Consulting Rooms, George Harvey Memorial Bench, Balancing Lagoon, Airfield activities, and East Midlands Airport noise problems.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.



**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th May 2001 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr P Shaw (Heritage Warden)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Mrs D Edmonds (indisposed) and from Mrs M Pickford (holiday).

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, 9th May 2000, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Saunders having previously advised her intention not to stand for a further term, it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that Mr Topham be Chairman. Mr Topham then took the chair and proposed a Vote of Thanks to Mrs Saunders for her excellent work over the preceding twelve months. This was endorsed by all present.

5 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that Mr Moyle be Vice-Chairman.

K. E. Topham

6 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association Management Committee.

It was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried unanimously that Mrs Saunders be appointed, Mr Sharpe having indicated his willingness to stand down to allow Mrs Saunders to resume her former position on completion of her chairmanship.

Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee.

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that Mrs Pickford continue as representative.

Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish and Local Councils.

Since the view of the Council is that no useful purpose is served by attendance at meetings of this body, it was decided not to elect representatives.

7 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Clerk had circulated an updated Inventory incorporating the Insurers' recommendations for uplifted values. The new George Harvey Memorial seat and Basketball net on the playing field will be added.

8 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Shaw asked whether any further recommendations had been received for preservation of the 'Owl' wood sculpture. None had and he will continue to treat it with linseed oil as previously advised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.37 p.m.

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Burton on the
Wolds held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday
8th May 2001 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mr I Sharpe
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Mrs D Edmonds and from Mrs M Pickford.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 9th May 2000, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read her annual Report, copies of which were distributed to those present and a copy is also attached to these Minutes.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.28 p.m.

K. E. Topham

PARISH OF BURTON-ON-THE-WOLDS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2000/2001

This has been a busy year for the Council because of the Millennium celebrations. I must thank my fellow councillors, and in particular Vice Chairman Keith Topham, for their support throughout the year. Our Borough Councillor, Robert Shields has attended our meetings regularly and has been a source of useful information and advice, for which we thank him. I had not envisaged a further term as Chairman, but it has been an enjoyable experience for the reasons above.

Millennium Celebrations

Many projects were undertaken as part of our Millennium celebration. The long standing work to refurbish the Lion's Mouth fountain was at last finished in the Spring and the fountain restored to its original appearance. We are grateful to the County and Borough Councils who largely financed this project.

The Millennium Garden on land adjoining the Village Hall is unfinished due to the exceptionally bad weather. There is no doubt that it will enhance the village centre when completed and it is pleasing that many residents have participated in a variety of ways. The Council is contributing £5000 to this project from its reserve funds and we were able to obtain £7500 in grants from other sources. Two small pieces of land adjoining the Village Hall were purchased to enable the work to go ahead.

The centrepiece of the garden will be the 'Owl' wooden sculpture, which was created with local participation at the design stage and a small amount in the carving. This time we were able to obtain grant assistance from Charnwood Wildlife.

The Village Children's' Millennium Party on the playing field, financed by the Council and run by the Playing Field Association, was a great success. The weather was fine, the food was plentiful and the entertainment appreciated. Over 160 children received a free millennium mug with a design by local artist Viv Kenney.

Planning Matters

As usual, all planning applications on which the Parish Council has been consulted have been carefully considered and commented upon, taking into account the best interests of the village.

The major issues have been the redevelopment at Burton Hall, the continuing saga of the housing development at Brook Street/Melton Road and activities on the disused airfield on the Prestwold Estate.

Traffic and Highways

Speeding and the volume of traffic through the village continues to concern the Council. Talks with the County Council since the New Year may result in the provision of a zebra crossing at the centre of the village instead of the refuge. We continue to have frequent speed checks by the police, but with no permanent effect.

The additional parking spaces at the top end of Seymour Road were eventually provided by the County Council by removing a length of double yellow lines.

The County Council were persuaded to resurface the Springfield Close to Barrow Road footpath which had for some time been uneven and slippery. Parents and children walking to school have appreciated this.

Playing Field and Village Hall

The Council continued to contribute towards the running costs of the Playing Field and Village Hall.

Precept

The annual precept was fixed at £8000 which was an increase of £1000 over recent years. The capital funds, which have been to some extent subsidising the precept, have been reduced by millennium expenditure. It was felt that the aim should be for a balanced budget with the reserve funds not falling below £10,000.

Travellers

For the first time for several years, no travellers settled within the Parish apart from a few days when two caravans got on to the common. The wet weather came to our rescue and with difficulty they got back on to the road. It is hoped that the people responsible for the frontages will continue to take precautions and not relax their vigilance.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane

There have been fewer complaints this year about the emissions of dust and smell from the Poultry Farm. The problem, however, has not gone away and it is hoped that the actions taken over the last two years have reduced the major nuisance. The Borough Council has been monitoring the emissions, but the value of their findings is far from clear.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Our footpaths were cleared of vegetation after negotiations for financial support from the County Council. Plans to produce a guide of the local

footpaths is held up by the Foot and Mouth crisis which has closed all the rights of way.

Burial Ground

A hard surface path and standing area for vehicles at the entrance to the Burial Ground was installed in January, which has considerably improved conditions underfoot..

Flooding

Brook Street came near to flooding in November after exceptional rainfall. Some minor improvements have been made but we are pressing the Borough Council for the provision of an automatic alarm system allied to quick response by the emergency work force.

Conclusion

I should like to express our gratitude for the £5000 bequest from the late George Harvey. The application of this is presently under consideration by the Council. Joan and Peter Shaw and Linda and Paul Sutton volunteered to be joint Heritage wardens for which we thank them. We also thank Joy Atkinson for putting together, with the Council's backing, the excellent 'Welcome to Burton/Cotes/Prestwold' information pack. Finally, I would like personally to thank Ken Davies for his help during the past year. I do not have to tell you all how fortunate we are to have him for our Clerk. One outstanding quality is his tenacity which has successfully brought to a conclusion a number of long standing issues. The knowledge he has acquired over the past few years has been of enormous help to this Chairman.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th April 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Sharpe (Business)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 13th March meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman after the addition of "with an amendment to exclude all development on Brook Street." to the last sentence of the second paragraph of Item 9 on page 2398.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A March 2001 Update to the Leicestershire Local Transport Plan has been received which includes advice that £3.0 million has been allocated for minor transport schemes. It was agreed to write pressing the case for the zebra crossing in Burton centre and for the roundabout on the eastern side.

5 PLAYING FIELD

The Tennis Club has asked for financial support towards the £3515 cost of restoring the courts. As it is understood that the Club have sufficient funds from their own resources to cover this, it was decided to offer no support other than the customary facility for payment of the VAT invoice through the Council's Account.

K.E. Topham.

6 VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman advised that the photograph of the Duke of Somerset's portrait is with Mrs Helen Monk who hopes to be able to arrange enlargement.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the Management Committee are interested in following up the possible establishment of doctors' consulting rooms. Mr Topham will contact the East Leake surgery and the Clerk that at Barrow to check whether they would be prepared to support this idea.

Concern was expressed about the activities of skateboarders and cyclists in the Village Hall grounds, as well as as on the public seat in the village centre. It was agreed to support the Management Committee in banning these activities on the Hall land. The Clerk will speak to the youngsters involved to inform them of this and enlist their support.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing to report.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The formal letter has now been received from the Clerk to the Governors advising that nominees to replace Mr Topham as Minor Authority Governor are now being sought from Hoton and Walton as well as from ourselves, for consideration on 8th May. We are nominating Mrs Edmonds, as previously agreed.

9 PLANNING

Airfield Activities. There has been no response as yet to the request for an Injunction. The latest weekly list of new Applications advises that a fresh Application has been received covering the same activities as before but full details have not been received as yet. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Hodgett, the Principal Planning Officer who advises that the Applicants have appealed against the refusal of previous Application, P/99/02394 to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed to maintain our previous stance and for the Clerk to reply accordingly when details of both the new Application and the Appeal are received.

Proposed Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. The Borough Environment Scrutiny Committee has endorsed the officers' recommendations which will mean no permission being granted for this site, as part of a large package covering housing allocations throughout the Borough. This is due to be confirmed by the full Borough Council this evening.

K.E. Topham

The Leicester District Land Registry have advised that the triangle of land at the Pig Farm entrance, between the brook and Melton Road, is not registered under the Land Registration Acts and Rules and that, for this reason, they hold no records in respect of it. In view of ongoing disputes about parking rights on this land, it was decided to send Mr T Hubbard at the pig farm a copy of the County Council letter dated 7th March regarding highway rights.

P/01/648 - proposed Pet Cemetery on land adjoining Big Spinney, Prestwold (Mr S J Packe-Drury-Lowe). This consultation had had a closing date of 5th April and, after consultation with affected Members, the Chairman had authorised a reply indicating no objection.

P/01/808 - proposed extension to side and conservatory to rear of 6 Somerset Close, Burton (L J Bertram & S L Brooks). There was no objection.

The Borough Council ask whether a planning training programme would be of interest and the CPRE invite attendance at a Campaign Seminar on 28th April. There was no support for either.

10 MILLENNIUM

Mrs Pickford advised that the sub-committee had met on 29th March and approved a design for fencing which meets safety requirements and incorporates a 'hare' motif. The ground has remained too wet for weed killer spraying but this will take place as soon as conditions improve.

An invoice for £30.00 has been received from ATB Construction for temporary fencing to secure the surrounds for the play group.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

No progress on the publicity leaflet has been possible whilst the paths remain closed. A further Briefing Note on the Foot and Mouth Outbreak from the County Council dated 6th April was read. The Chairman advised that she had been in touch with Mrs Slatcher in an effort to get the Brook Street footpath reopened. This would help to take pressure off the Playing Field which is presently the only off-road option for dog walkers.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Melton. Despite two telephone calls, Severn Trent have failed to respond. A letter will be sent to the Management.

Street and Footway Cleaning in Burton. Despite the promises detailed in the last Minutes, nothing has been done. The Clerk will write to Mr Rook, Head of Engineering Services.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton. Miss Green has written a detailed letter enclosing a number of graphs summarising dust level records. It seems difficult to draw any meaningful conclusions from these data but Mrs Edmonds offered to obtain an opinion from her husband who has knowledge of these matters.

East Midlands Airport. Following further noisy night departures, a letter has been sent to the Airport authorities asking whether the prescribed departure routes have yet come into force.

Flooding in Burton. A letter has been received from the Borough enclosing a leaflet describing The Rights and Responsibilities of living by a Watercourse. It was agreed to write asking for news of the proposed alarm system for Brook Street.

13 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a summary of Payments and Receipts at year end 31st March which showed a balance of £24,829.91, which includes the as yet unspent George Harvey bequest of £5000.00.

Expenditure in the year included £2688.25 on the Village Hall, £2515.22 on the Playing Field and £1489.77 on the Burial Ground. Burial receipts totalled only £119.00 but it is understood more is on the way from the PCC.

The NALC advise that the threshold level at which parish councils are required to prepare income and expenditure accounts will be raised from £5000 to £50,000 from 1st April. This means that we shall revert to the previous Profit and Loss system this year although accounts for the year just ended will have to be filed in accordance with the more onerous requirements.

The following suggestions were made for allocation of the George Harvey bequest:

- memorial seat
- paint and repair rails at eastern end of Burton
- plant flower beds on Melton Road below Hall Drive wall
- youth shelter in village centre
- BOTW village signs at three village approaches
- upgraded traffic signs throughout
- Millennium clock
- substantial bus shelter in centre

The Clerk will obtain estimated costs and also check out feasibility of some of the above, where appropriate with the County Highways.

K. E. Topham

14 CHEQUES

A cheque drawn since the last meeting to P Harrison, £35.00, for repairs to the playing field garage was authorised.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	225.54
L & R APLC	subscription	166.70
AARPC	" -	5.00
ATB Construction	fencing	35.25

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend the **Joint Councils Meeting** at Wymeswold tomorrow, at which the Police will give a presentation. Mrs Edmonds had been unable to attend the **Village Appraisals Seminar** which clashed with our Millennium sub-committee meeting. It is hoped that a report will be received. There was concern at the high cost of subscription to the **L&R APLC**, now £166.70. After discussion it was agreed to continue membership this year in view of possible pending changes in local government organisation but to review membership next year.

A letter from the County advises the setting up of a **Parish Transport Fund** where Parish Councils may bid for up to £10,000 over a three year period to fund local transport projects. It was decided to raise this at the Joint Councils Meeting to ascertain whether a joint approach would be possible. The annual **RCC Audit of Rural Services for the Countryside Agency** had been completed and returned. Circulars regarding **Borough Council Leadership - Public Consultation, Initiatives with regard to the Post Office Network (from the DTI), Charnwood Borough Periodic Election Review**, a meeting of the **AARPC** and an introductory letter regarding the new **Mayor of Charnwood** were noted. A note from the **Heritage Wardens** advising that they have been permitted access to Burton Hall was read.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Millennium Garden update, ban on skateboarding etc and possible doctors consulting rooms.

17 NEXT MEETINGS

The three Parish Annual Meetings will be held in May, as well as the Parish Council AGM. The usual timings will be followed, commencing at 7 00 p.m. with the Cotes Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

K. E. Topham

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th March 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mr I Sharpe (up to and including Item 9).
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) up to and including
Item 9.
Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Minkley (sickness)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 13th February meeting were accepted as a true and correct record after amendment of line 2 page 2394 from "January" to "February" and then signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. The Police Traffic Management have acknowledged the letter sent following the last Meeting with the comment that the survey will assist officers to enforce the speed limit through Burton.

5 PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

The County Council have confirmed the award of a grant for the roundabout of up to £1600, most likely £750 to £1000, conditional on the PFA contributing £500. This will mean that only about £1000 out of up to £2000 awarded by the Parish Council last month will be required. This transaction will now fall into the next financial year.

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Cornhill Insurance have agreed to meet the costs of storm damage to the cricket sightscreen and pavilion subject to £75 excess and it was agreed that, when received, the proportion relating to the sightscreen would be remitted to the cricket club for purchase of a replacement.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Edmonds advised that repairs to the extension flat roof amounted to £940, no VAT. The work is guaranteed for ten years. No insurance claim is possible as there had been no planned maintenance programme.

The Committee have approx. £6000 reserves earmarked principally for the ceiling and heating. It was decided that the Council would not contribute to the roof repairs since the Committee could fund this but that it would consider future financial support as these other projects come to fruition.

An electrician is currently working on the wiring and has commented on the lack of charts. Mrs Edmonds advised that the Committee recognised the need for a Manual which would embrace such things as the wiring systems, planned maintenance etc.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

G & J Lambert have removed the dead wood from the Burial Ground at a cost of £20.00. The trees and bushes on the western boundary are encroaching more and more and it was agreed that Lamberts should cut these back at a cost of approx. £100.00 for a day's work.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

9 PLANNING

Airfield Activities. On the Friday following the last meeting there had once again been intensive helicopter activities in the afternoon, despite the refusal of permission by the Plans Committee. A protest was lodged with the Borough Council which had drawn a weak response from the Head of Development Control indicating that they expected an appeal to be lodged with the Planning Inspectorate. Invited to comment, Councillor Shields suggested an approach to Mrs Chris Taylor, the Borough Solicitor, requesting that an injunction be taken out. This should produce a quicker result than going down the enforcement route.

Proposed Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. The CPRE had provided a copy of their protest against this proposed development and this had been circulated to members. The Planning Officers have now completed their review of the Inspector's Report on the

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Draft Local Plan and have recommended to the Borough Council that this and other similar developments in the villages be turned down, as a result of the changed Government Guidance contained in PPG3. The Council felt that it needed more time to consider the implications but should decide around the end of this month. Councillor Shields added that the recommendation was for a sequential approach to development, using urban and brown field sites first. If sites such as Burton and Wymeswold were not developed, increased densities of perhaps 30% would be required on the major developments in Loughborough and Birstall.

Councillor Shields produced a drawing which showed a redrawn Burton village boundary and asked whether the Parish Council would support this boundary. It comprised the existing limits of housing and excluded the Brook Street/Melton Road (pig farm) site. It was agreed that the Council would support these boundaries *with an amendment to exclude all development on Brook Street. es*

A letter from the County Council (Mr Headley) again confirmed that the Melton Road layby is part of the public highway. The County does not, however, own the land and ownership can be verified by the Land Registration Office for a £4.00 fee. It was agreed to check this.

P/01/00516 - conversion of Burton Hall to eight flats (Listed Building Consent). This Application reverts to the original proposal for the Hall, which was accepted by the Borough and excludes any reference to the paddock. It was agreed to accept it.

7 Hall Drive, Burton. Immediately after the last meeting, Mr Andrew Dudley, a Borough Surveyor, visited the site and confirmed that the height is precisely in accordance with the permission. The Borough has no jurisdiction over the use of land across the Drive, owned by the occupiers, for parking although it has advised them to avoid damage to tree roots.

P/01/00563 - proposed two storey extension to rear of 27 Barrow Road, Burton (Mr Morton). There was no objection.

Two Applications with response dates before today had been dealt with:

P/01/00279 - change of use of part of 36a/b/c Sowters Lane, Burton to motor vehicle sales, repairs and MOT testing (Mr K N Woodhull). This had been supported.

P/01/00270 - proposed erection of conservatory to rear of the Old Woodyard, Prestwold (Mr D M Jennaway). This had been opposed as being outside the agreed building line.

Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan 1996-2016. A further Consultation document had been received but there appeared to be no changes of particular significance to this Council. No action was proposed.

10 MILLENNIUM

The Borough have paid £800.00 from their grant towards the Garden and confirmed that the balance of £1700.00 can be carried forward to the next financial year. Mrs Pickford advised that ground conditions are still very wet but that spraying to kill off the couch grass will be undertaken when conditions improve. The sub-committee will meet shortly to review progress, including manufacture of railings.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Chairman and Clerk had a satisfactory meeting with Mr McWilliam of the County Council. The layout of a publicity leaflet was agreed and the County will pay for and produce enough of these for distribution throughout the parish. We are to provide suitable photographs on which line drawings by the County's artist will be based and it is hoped that Mr Brian Rowell can supply these from those he took for the Millennium Book. Finalisation of the narrative has been delayed by the closure of footpaths due to the outbreak nationally of foot and mouth disease.

A Briefing Note from the County regarding this outbreak had been circulated.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. There is no further news from Severn Trent and the Clerk will follow up for the next meeting.

Parking on Verge, Seymour Road, Burton. Mr Tony Glover of the Highways Department advises that this will be restored and sown in the Spring. It was agreed to ask for it to be replaced with a hard surface to prevent the same problem arising each winter.

Springfield Close/Barrow Road footpath. This work has now been completed by the County to a very high standard. It was agreed to write to thank them.

Street and Footway Cleaning in Burton. Mr Cameron of the Cleansing Department advises that a sweeper will be sent out in 2/3 weeks time to brush the footways clear so that the mechanical road sweeper can gather the detritus. Thereafter it is hoped that a mechanical footway sweeper will be available.

'Just Bin It'. There was no response whatever to the appeal in the 'Link' and no further action will be taken.

Abandoned Vehicle. Mrs Spicer noted that a van has been torched and dumped in Stanford Lane, Cotes and has now been there about a month.

13 FINANCE

The £5000.00 bequest from the late George Harvey has now been received. A decision will be taken next month and villagers will be asked through the 'Link' and the village column of the 'Echo' for their suggestions.

A quotation from G & J Lambert for maintenance this year was accepted.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	232.75 ✓
G & J Lambert	maintenance	20.00 ✓
Viking Direct	inkjets, etc.	120.06 ✓
B of Charnwood	lighting	20.16 ✓
L/C Review	subscription	9.99 ✓
L & R PFA	-"	15.00 ✓

15 MISCELLANEOUS

The **Joint Councils Meeting** will be at Wymeswold on 11th April at 7.15 p.m. A **Draft Model Code of Conduct Consultation Paper** from the DETR has been circulated. There were no comments. There is to be a **Village Appraisals Seminar** on 29th March and Mrs Edmonds offered to attend. The Clerk will pass over to her an Information Pack he has obtained. It was agreed that the Clerk's details be published on the County Council's **'Magnet' Multi Agency Geographic Network web site**. An **L & R APLC meeting on 29th March, Action for Market Towns Seminar on 22nd March, ClickIt! 2000 launch on 2nd April** and County Council **Youth and Community Education Service Consultation** were noted. An offer from Kelly Swann, newly appointed Community Transport Development Worker with the **Charnwood Community Council** to meet to discuss community transport was accepted. An appeal for funds from the **WRVS** will be commended in the 'Link'.

A resident, Mrs Joy Atkinson has asked whether it would be possible to hold a **Doctors' Surgery** in Burton Village Hall, as happens in Wymeswold. Mrs Edmonds expressed interest on behalf of the Village Hall Management and the Clerk will ascertain what the arrangements are in Wymeswold. The new **Registers of Electors** show the following electorates (2000 in brackets):

Burton 786 (775), Cotes 28 (26), Prestwold 52 (48).

17 PRESS RELEASE

This will include Footpaths, George Harvey Bequest and the WRVS appeal.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th February 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds - from Item 10
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were none.

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 9th January Meeting, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. A letter from Mrs Hall, Senior Traffic Management Officer for the County Constabulary in response to our November letter regarding Mr Polak's experience was read. Traffic Officers will continue to visit Burton commensurate with their other duties but a comment that "in the main, drivers are adhering to the speed limit" was felt by Members to be incorrect. The Clerk will respond with a full copy of the September 1999 Paul Castle Survey emphasising that only 26% of westbound and 17% of eastbound vehicles registered speeds of 30 mph or less.

Double Yellow Lines, Seymour Road, Burton. A Public Notice has been issued advising that the Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Order in respect of the short section of double yellow lines came into force on 22nd January.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

The Chairman advised that a grant of £3000 towards the childrens' roundabout has been approved by Awards for All. An application to the County Council for £500 has been deferred. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will award up to £2000 to enable the purchase and installation of the roundabout to go ahead.

Charnwood Borough have appointed Julie Robinson to be Recreational Services Manager and she has offered help, advice and assistance concerning sport and leisure in the parish.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the leak previously noted was due to problems with the flat roof which has now been attended to. Mrs Edmonds, who was delayed getting to the meeting by rail problems, has full details.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The new driveway to the Burial Ground is complete and Mr Minkley confirmed that it is as specified. A lot of dead wood has been brought down amongst the graves by the gales and it was agreed that G & J Lambert be asked to clear it.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The Headteacher, Mr Craig sent thanks via Mr Topham for the Millennium mugs.

Mr Topham advised that he relinquished the Chair three weeks ago and intends to resign from the Board of Governors at the end of this financial year. Discussion took place about a nominee from the Council to take Mr Topham's place.

N.B. On Mrs Edmonds' arrival later in the meeting, she agree to accept nomination.

Mr John Glover, Senior Engineer to the County Council, in response to the Clerk's letter, has replied that he has no objection in principle to traffic calming measures in Barrow Road. He is not prepared to support the suggestion that the developer of the Brook Street/Melton Road site should fund such measures due to likely low levels of additional traffic being generated. A copy of this letter has been passed to Mr Topham for the Governors.

9 PLANNING

P/99/02394 - Airfield Proposed Activities. Councillor Shields has advised the Clerk and it has been reported in the press that Plans Committee 2 have refused this Application in its entirety despite support with Conditions from the Planning Officers. It appears that the Committee are opposed to the helicopter flights in particular. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head of Development Control, with copies to the Chairman of Plans Committee 2, the Assistant Director for Environmental Health and Councillor Shields welcoming this decision and requesting that the applicants be notified that the Borough Council will take strong enforcement action if the decision as regards helicopters is not complied with.

P/98/0085 - proposed development at Brook Street/Melton Road.

A letter from Joan and Peter Shaw (who were present) was read regarding flooding dangers. It was felt that no action could be taken on a comment regarding the provision of small single storey dwellings for older or less nimble residents at this time.

A drawing of the 'Deacon' social housing has now been received.

The CPRE have sent a draft of their proposed response objecting to this scheme in its entirety. In particular, they take the view that the Government's revised PPG3 Housing of March 2000 and the December 2000 Rural White Paper have created more onerous conditions for development of greenfield land which the Borough must take into account.

It appears that Mr Hubbard, owner of the Sunnyside Pig Farm, is claiming that the triangle of land outside the farm used for car parking is owned by him and he has parked his vehicles on it in such a way as to prevent others from using it. The Clerk has written to Mr Duncan Clarke at County Hall, who advised back in 1998 that this is Highways land, asking him to intervene.

Burton Hall and Paddock. Mr Roger Soars of the Borough Council advises that there is no statutory duty for the Borough to inspect in cases of this sort, but nevertheless they are doing so on a monthly basis. He was there on 10th January when no deterioration was noted though an open window at the rear was notified to the owners. Councillor Shields has passed over a copy letter from Mr Hale, the Director of Planning advising that there is some movement pending on the application and perhaps other applicants are getting involved for a separate development of the paddock.

7 Hall Drive, Burton. An elector present raised concerns about the work which has now begun on extension of this dwelling. The issues are whether the permitted height has been exceeded and the provision of car parking on the opposite side of the drive, The Clerk will investigate.

P/01/00283 - alterations to agricultural building for machinery store at Egypt Lodge Farm, Melton Road, Six Hills (Agricultural Development Determination) - B & J Hollingshead and Son. There was no objection to this proposal.

10 **MILLENNIUM**

Millennium Garden. The Borough Arts Officer advises that the Charnwood Views project has been delayed. However our request for a Millennium Seat is on record and he hopes to progress the matter in the coming months. Both LEAF and the Borough Council have been advised of the delays to our project and the latter have been asked to confirm that their grant can be carried forward to the next financial year. Sundry costs totalling £799.31 have been claimed from the Borough against their grant.

Millennium Mugs. Mrs Pickford confirmed that the Village Hall will be happy to accept two dozen mugs and the remainder will be placed in the Pavilion for the PFA.

11 **FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

The Chairman and Clerk are meeting with Mr McWilliam on 16th February to progress the proposed leaflet.

12 **ENVIRONMENT**

Storm Damage. The tree in Huntingdon Close, Burton has been cut down and removed, presumably by the County Forestry Section.

Balancing Lagoon, Melton Road, Burton. The Clerk met with Mr Dean Smith of Severn Trent Water on 8th February. He has agreed to remove the fallen trees and bushes. He also agrees that the lagoon is not secure and will make proposals to fence it after first checking the exact area of their ownership and any planning restrictions.

Overflowing Inspection Cover, Stanford Lane, Cotes. This appears to have been attended to.

Street Light at Spinney Farm, Melton Road. This is now working.

East Midlands Airport. A Consultation questionnaire has been received from N W Leicestershire District Council, following the previous letter. A response was agreed majoring on early phasing out of the noisiest aircraft rather than limitations on total movements, with due regard being paid to economic considerations.

Parking on Verge, Seymour Road, Burton. No progress has yet been made, Mr Lorimer of the County Council being currently away sick.

Springfield Close/Barrow Road footpath. Mr Lorimer had advised on 9th January that it is hoped to carry out resurfacing during a school holiday and neighbours have been advised that it will be done during the half term holiday next week.

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Street Cleaning in Burton. The roads were mechanically swept on 2nd January but the footways remain unswept, apart from litter picking. This has been reported to Mr Cameron of the Borough Council who has promised to send somebody out to look at it.

Poultry Farm. An elector present (Mr Carr) advised that on 25th January the smell was particularly bad and he had complained to the Borough Council. He made available a detailed response he had received from Miss Green.

'Just Bin It'. This campaign title replaces the former 'National Spring Clean' and is scheduled for the month of April. It was agreed to feature this in the Press Release and to invite participation, at the same time noting the resurgence of old problems with dog fouling and litter blowing about. Householders will be asked to keep the area outside their own properties tidy.

13 FINANCE

Mrs Edmonds confirmed that she had been able to make display boards available to the Heritage Wardens.

The effect of the increased Precept has been to raise the parish share of the Council Tax from £15.13 to £17.25 in the case of a Band 'D' property.

G & J Lambert will again be invited to quote for maintenance during the coming season, their work during the past year being considered completely satisfactory.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	273.53 -
G & J Lambert	maintenance	50.00 -
V/H Committee	Christmas grant	98.58 -
Leics Footpaths	subscription	4.50 -

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Burton Post Office. Advice has been received from Post Office Counters Ltd that Burton Post Office will close from 7th March. It transpires that Mr Peter Birch has not found the venture profitable but intends to continue living at 11 Seymour Road, hence the existing premises will not be available. Applications from interested parties are sought.

Members were disturbed to note a 'huge' increase in car related crime in January reported by PC Hewitt in his **Wolds Villages Neighbourhood**

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Watch Report. Dates and venue offered by Wymeswold Parish Council for the next **Joint Councils Meeting** were acceptable. It was decided to respond to a Questionnaire from **L & RAPLC** about the value of Branch Meetings in the negative. No certain information was available about the date of 'stopping up' **Back Lane, Cotes** (an enquiry from the County Council). Circulars regarding the **NALC Rural White Paper Seminar**, the **Britain in Bloom Competition** and the **Mayor of Charnwood's End of Civic Year Reception** were noted.

17 PRESS RELEASE

The footpath meeting, footpath resurfacing, balancing lagoon and Post Office will be featured, as well as the litter issues.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th January 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr D Minkley
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Six Local Government Electors and one visitor

1 APOLOGIES

Mr I Sharpe (business)

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 12th December 2000 Meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. Mr Topham reported on a meeting held earlier today between Mr Matthew Smith of the County Council, the Clerk and himself in Burton Village Centre. After full discussion and observation at the time that schoolchildren were returning home, he had to agree that there would be safety problems in siting the proposed zebra crossing on the western, Village Hall, side of the junction. It was agreed to respond to Mr Kuziara agreeing to the original proposals.

30 mph Speed Restriction in Cotes. This limit has now come into force and Mrs Spicer advised that it has been well received locally.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

There was nothing to report.

R. Saunders

6 VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman advised that the photograph of the Duke of Somerset can be enhanced and she is proceeding with this.

The Secretary of the Village Hall Committee has advised that the annual licence renewal is now due and it was agreed that the Council would pay for the electrical inspection as usual.

Mrs Pickford advised that the severe leak visible at the back of the Committee Room will be investigated.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

Work on the driveway was commenced over the last weekend and is due for completion today.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Mr Topham advised that his letter, as Chair of Governors, to the Council regarding the County Council's unhelpful response on the traffic calming issue has just been handed to the Clerk who will take up the matter forcibly.

9 PLANNING

Area of Special Control of Advertisements. Following our protest against proposed changes in regulations, a letter has now been received from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions advising that it has been decided not to proceed with the proposed amendment.

P/99/02394 - Airfield Proposed Activities. A letter has been received from Miss Green of the Borough Environmental Health Services advising that she is recommending that temporary permission be granted to allow further assessment of helicopter activities. It was agreed to protest that there has already been sufficient assessment and that the evidence is clear that permission should not be granted. Councillor Shields advised that he is pressing for this matter to come before Committee for an early decision.

4 Hall Drive, Burton. A response has been received from Mr N J Hodgett, Principal Planning Officer, advising that he had met with the applicant to discuss the proposed changes and detailing the process by which he had agreed to the alterations. It was agreed to take no further action on this matter.

P/00/02450 - proposed demolition of carport and single storey extension for garage, store lobby and shower room to elevation fronting Loughborough Road, at 1 Back Lane, Cotes (Mr P Morris) - there was no objection to this application.

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P/98/0085 - proposed development by Alfred McAlpine Homes Ltd at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton. A revised application for this site, comprising 43 homes (five of them social housing units) has now been received and a summary was circulated to Members with the Agenda. After lengthy discussion, with participation from Electors present, it was agreed to respond accepting the development in principle but objecting to the following specific issues:

- siting of the access road
- inclusion of the Highways land presently used for car parking
- inadequacy of the tree screen/buffer
- the four three-storey 'Oakham' houses
- the location of the social housing backing on to Brook Street
- the road access to Brook Street for the social units

The need to ensure that rain water run-off from the development does not add to flooding problems from the brook will be emphasised.

The following 'planning gain' list will be submitted to be funded by the developers:

- mini roundabout at the Melton Road access
- roundabout at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane
- traffic calming near the School in Barrow Road
- play equipment on the so-called 'village green'

10 MILLENNIUM

Millennium Garden. Mrs Pickford advised that the adverse weather has precluded any further activity. Spraying should take place in March and arrangement have still to be finalised for the railings, the major expenditure item still outstanding.

Millennium Mugs. The remaining stock will be split equally between the Village Hall, Primary School and the PFA.

11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr McWilliam has yet to respond regarding the proposed meeting.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Storm Damage. The County Council advise that the uprooted tree in Huntingdon Close has been referred to the Forestry Section. The balancing tank for the 'Saints' estate is the responsibility of Severn Trent Water. It was agreed to contact them about tidying up and securing the frontage to Melton Road.

Flooding Risk in Brook Street, Burton. There has been no response as yet from Mr Rook. The staging above the grid was replaced before Christmas but proved unsatisfactory. Mr Perkins was advised of this and, following an inspection by him, it was agreed to carry out temporary alterations immediately and to replace the staging correctly in the New Year.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton. A letter from Miss Green giving further background and interpretation of the monitoring statistics had been circulated with the agenda. Copious additional statistics had been provided which appeared to give no indication of major dust problems and it was agreed to take no further action at this time.

Overflowing Inspection Cover, Stanford Lane, Cotes. This had been reported by Mrs Spicer and the Environment Agency had been asked to intervene. It appears that foul water is overflowing from what should be a rainwater system. The Environmental Agency Inspector is liaising with Severn Trent Water and with Mr Perkins of the Borough Council and suggests that we contact him again if the problem still persists after end January.

Street Light at Spinney Farm, Melton Road, Burton. This light has been out of action for many months and the County and Borough Councils each insist that it is not their responsibility. The County DLO at Mountsorrel have agreed to replace the bulb next time they are passing on an unofficial basis.

East Midlands Airport. A letter from the North West Leicestershire District Council will be circulated to Members for discussion at the next meeting.

Parking on Verge, Seymour Road, Burton. Mrs Pickford advised that cars parking on the verge alongside the water pumping station have reduced it to a morass. The Clerk will investigate ownership and see whether the area can be hard surfaced.

13 FINANCE

A letter has been received from Paul and Linda Sutton, on behalf of the Heritage Wardens, asking whether the Council would finance the purchase of display boards to a value of £400-600. Mrs Edmonds thought she might be able to assist with some surplus boards and she will look into this.

14 BUDGET/PRECEPT

An Outturn Forecast and proposed Budget were circulated. The outturn is complicated by the fact that, with unusually heavy expenditure in Millennium year and the Garden project incomplete, it is difficult to forecast precisely what the situation will be at end March. The forecast has therefore excluded

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all Millennium expenditure which will be charged to Capital, as well as VAT, to predict a year end loss of £1588 which compares to a budgeted loss of £2540 on a like for like basis.

After discussion of the budget, it was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that the Precept for the coming year be £8000. This will result in a budgeted loss in 2001/2 of £266 but will reflect more accurately the Council's revenue raising requirement which has been subsidised from the Capital Account in recent years.

15 **CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	222.91 ✓
Severn Trent	3 water invoices	70.05 ✓
SLCC	subscription	43.00 ✓
ATB Construction	Mill. Garden	141.00 ✓
- " -	B/ground driveway	1204.38 ✓

16 **MISCELLANEOUS**

It was decided to make no response to the **Countryside White Paper** which had been circulated. A letter from **Anstey Parish Council** regarding youth work will be circulated.

17 **PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover the Speed Restriction in Cotes, the Burial Ground driveway, the proposed housing development and the Precept.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

R. Saunders